

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
MIDDLEBOROUGH,
FOR THE
YEAR 1890.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.:
MIDDLEBOROUGH GAZETTE BOOK AND JOB OFFICE.
1891.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1890.

Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector.

CHARLES T. THATCHER.

Selectmen and Assessors.

SYLVANUS MENDALL.	Term expires 1891.
JOSEPH E. BEALS.	" " 1892.
ALBERT T. SAVERY.	" " 1893.

Overseers of Poor.

ANDREW C. WOOD, SYLVANUS MENDALL,
CHARLES T. THATCHER.

School Committee.

GEORGE L. ELLIS.	Term expires 1891.
JAMES H. WESTON.	" " 1891.
JOHN C. SULLIVAN.	" " 1892.
AUGUSTUS H. SOULE.	" " 1892.
AUGUSTUS PRATT.	" " 1893.
ADELINE V. WOOD.	" " 1893.

Constables.

LEANDER M. ALDEN,	ALPHONSO BLISS,
EDWARD BRYANT,	BENJAMIN W. BUMP,
SYLVANUS W. BUMP,	JOHN W. FLANSBURG,
GEORGE W. HAMMOND,	HERBERT L. LEONARD,
EVERETT T. LINCOLN,	SAMUEL S. LOVELL,
SYLVANUS MENDALL,	FRED. C. SPARROW,
CHARLES C. TINKHAM.	

Superintendent of Schools.

EDWARD P. FITTS.

Superintendent of Streets.

WILLIAM B. WOOD.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

LEANDER M. ALDEN.

REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen and Assessors,

For the Year ending Dec. 31, 1890.

Voted by the town for support of schools, ..	\$10,500.00	
Incidental school expenses,	2,000.00	
School books,	1,000.00	
Superintendent's salary,	1,200.00	
School committee,	150.00	
Support of poor,	5,000.00	
Support of insane,	800.00	
Town officers,	2,500.00	
Incidental expenses and lawsuits,	1,800.00	
Repairs to highways and new roads, ...	10,000.00	
Concrete sidewalks,	750.00	
Lighting streets,	2,000.00	
Sprinkling streets,	300.00	
Water supply to Fire District,	1,500.00	
Night watch,	1,000.00	
Board of Health,	200.00	
Military aid,	700.00	
G. A. R., for Memorial Day,	150.00	
Town-house committee,	600.00	
Town debt,	3,000.00	
Interest,	2,250.00	\$47,400.00
Less bank and corporation taxes, (estimated,)	6,000.00	
Voted to be assessed by the town,		\$41,400.00
State tax assessed by the town,		2,817.50
County tax assessed by the town,		3,597.78

Non-resident bank tax assessed,	142.93
Overlying,	1,846.15

Total tax assessed, \$49,804.36

Poll taxes assessed,	\$3,380.50
Taxes on personal property,	7,900.62
Taxes on real estate,	38,523.24
	\$49,804.36
Valuation of buildings, excluding land,	\$1,537,920
Valuation of land, excluding buildings,	1,263,670

Total valuation of real estate, \$2,801,590

Valuation of personal estate, 564,126

Total valuation for 1890, \$3,365,716

Number of polls: Male, 1690; female, 1.

Tax on each poll: Male, \$2.00; female, \$.50.

Rate of tax per \$1000,	\$13.75
Persons, firms, etc., assessed on property,—residents,	1,279
“ “ “ “ non-residents,	289
Persons assessed for poll tax only,	745
Total number of persons, firms, etc., assessed,	2,313
Number of horses assessed,	885
“ cows,	838
“ sheep,	13
“ neat cattle, other than cows,	296
“ swine,	221
“ dwelling-houses assessed,	1,262
“ acres of land assessed,	39,827

Amount of taxes remitted for 1884,	\$12.00
“ “ “ 1885,	57.88
“ “ “ 1886,	71.76
“ “ “ 1887,	84.85
“ “ “ 1888,	117.74
“ “ “ 1889,	166.59
“ “ “ 1890,	57.34

Taxes remitted after being paid for 1889, 12.50

Total taxes remitted and refunded, \$580.66

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

The town, at its annual meeting in 1890, having revoked its action in choosing Road Commissioners, the Selectmen, as required by the Statutes, appointed William B. Wood as Superintendent of Streets, his term of office beginning April 1, 1890. His report is presented on another page.

Balance unexpended at last annual report,	\$2,417.15
Appropriated, 1890,	10,000.00
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	\$12,417.15

Drawn by Road Commissioners, after closing report of last year,	\$30.00
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Orders drawn by Selectmen :

Town of Bridgewater, one-half expense of painting Woodward's bridge,	12.06
S. S. Lovell, work January to April,	89.10
A. F. Reed, repairs in February and March,	4.97
J. & G. E. Doane, drain pipe, etc., 1889, ...	16.70
C. N. Atwood, curbing and gravel for side- walks, 1889,	8.20
Thomas G. Ford, sharpening tools, 1889,	1.12
L. T. Miller, highways and guide-boards, ...	48.21
J. H. Thomas, repairs in January,	19.54
A. J. Bailey, painting road machine,	23.00
Aaron Berry, work on Precinct street,	1.20
Arad Covington, repairs on bridge,	2.00
Z. Sturtevant, repairs in Feb., Mar., and Apr.,	5.25
H. M. Porter, damage to carriage,	22.65
Samuel S. Lovell, snow bills,	89.30
J. H. Thomas, "	20.94
John E. Smith, "	3.00
J. K. Bishop, "	2.10
S. T. Weston, "	7.00
N. B. Maxim, "	9.60
S. L. Pratt, "	14.10
I. E. Macomber, "	11.83

A. H. Soule,	snow bills,.....	11.11	
Ezra Morse,	“	2.40	
Orders drawn for bills approved by the Superintendent of Streets, (for details see his report,)		10,907.98	\$11,363.36

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Amount appropriated,.....	\$750.00
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Under this appropriation several sections of concrete were laid, but the account was not settled before the books for 1890 were closed; neither were the bills collected of the abutting owners for their part of the work.

SPRINKLING STREETS.

Appropriated,.....	\$300.00
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Orders drawn :

Domestic Plumbing Co., new water crane,...	\$32.00	
L. E. Thomas, sprinkling,	268.00	\$300.00

WATER SUPPLY.

Appropriated,.....	\$1,500.00
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Orders drawn :

Middleborough Fire District,	\$1,500.00
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NIGHT WATCH AND POLICE.

Appropriated,.....	\$1,000.00
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Orders drawn :

Herbert L. Leonard, night watch,	\$640.00	
E. T. Lincoln, services as constable, 1889, ..	20.00	
Edward Bryant, “ “ 1889, ..	12.00	
James A. Burgess, “ “ 1890, ..	45.00	
James A. Burgess, in charge of dog warrant,	15.00	
O. L. Barden, use of room for night watch, . .	8.00	
W. B. Wood, keeper of lock-up, Jan. 1889, to April, 1890,	20.00	
C. D. Kingman, cash paid for suppression of crime,	55.80	\$815.80

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Appropriation, town officers, etc.,	\$2,500.00
" School committee,	150.00
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	\$2,650.00

Orders drawn :

J. T. Wood, selectman and assessor, 1889,...	\$67.25	
A. T. Savery, " " 1889,...	135.00	
" " " " 1890,...	370.90	
S. Mendall, " " 1889,...	118.25	
" " " " 1890,...	371.25	
J. E. Beals, " " 1890,...	327.10	
A. C. Wood, overseer of poor,	148.00	
S. Mendall, " "	46.50	
C. T. Thatcher, " "	25.00	
School committee, 1890,	150.00	
Selectmen, services and expenses on account of		
State aid,	25.00	
C. T. Thatcher, services as registrar,	31.25	
T. C. Collins, " "	25.00	
C. H. Carpenter, " "	25.00	
" " cash paid for printer's chase,	6.25	
" " services as teller,	2.50	
Nathan King, services as registrar,	25.00	
" " " moderator,	15.00	
C. T. Thatcher, treasurer and collector,	550.00	
C. T. Thatcher, attending town-meetings, administering oaths, etc.,	13.70	
C. T. Thatcher, recording births and deaths, '89,	84.05	
I. F. Atwood, auditor, 1889,	17.50	
A. J. Bailey, ballot clerk, 1889,	2.50	
Wm. McAllister, assistant ballot clerk, 1889, ..	2.50	
J. M. Luippold, distributing ballots on constitutional amendment, 1889,	2.00	
James H. Weston, teller, 1890,	5.00	
Bills for copying assessors' books,	41.30	
Bills for assistance for assessors,	30.05	
S. S. Lovell, notifying town officers,	10.70	
James A. Burgess, services as truant officer, ...	20.50	\$2,694.05

Appropriation for incidentals, etc.,..... \$1,800.00

Orders drawn :

Use of teams for assessors,.....	\$137.00	
George Soule, returns of deaths, 1889,.....	19.00	
John Shaw, stationery, etc.,.....	13.51	
Damages and costs in settlement of case of Ada		
A. Barrows against the town,.....	617.36	
B. W. Harris, legal services,	160.00	
Damages, etc., in settlement of case of Thomas		
S. Ellis against the town,	275.00	
Damages, etc., to Otis Briggs,.....	100.00	
I. F. Atwood, services, and bills paid as com-		
mittee on damage suits,.....	186.00	
Wm. B. Wood, services, etc., as committee on		
damage suits,	25.00	
P. W. Thompson, services, etc., as committee		
on damage suits,.....	25.00	
F. M. Vaughan, legal services,	16.00	
James M. Coombs, printing town reports,	105.00	
" " printing and advertising, ..	174.19	
" " printing voting lists, etc.,..	25.00	
" " advertising for road com-		
missioners, 1889,	7.00	
H. L. Thatcher, printing and stationery,	19.10	
M. M. Copeland, printing and advertising,	204.65	
F. W. R. Emery, blank books,	21.25	
M. O. Rounseville, work on sewers,	38.50	
Domestic Plumbing Co., work on water cranes,	1.05	
N. F. Shurtleff, setting boundary stones between		
Middleborough and Carver,	2.00	
George C. Richards, for boundary stones to be		
set between Middleborough and Lakeville,..	11.00	
Miscellaneous and office expenses paid by town		
clerk and treasurer,	41.77	\$2,224.38

TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Appropriated,	\$600.00
Collected by Wm. B. Wood, for hall, rents, etc.,	228.00
Collected by A. M. Wood, " " 	793.92
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	\$1,621.92

Wm. B. Wood, services, and bills paid,	\$132.00	
A. M. Wood and B. F. Johnson, services, and bills paid,	401.92	
Middleborough Gas & Electric Co., gas bills, ..	344.54	
James L. Jenney, coal,	256.50	
Shiverick & Thomas, concreting, 1889,	235.00	
J. & G. E. Doane, supplies, 1889,	18.48	
M. O. Rounseville, curbing, 1889,	37.40	
" " " 1890,	119.50	
H. A. Sparrow, painting and setting glass,	27.31	
S. S. Lovell, work on town-house lot,	9.75	
Thomas W. Pierce, supplies, etc.,	47.55	
Lloyd Perkins, work on pipes, etc.,	4.74	
Domestic Plumbing Co., work on pipes, etc., ..	3.75	
J. T. Washburn, repairs,	4.43	
L. Lincoln & Son, repairing tools,	4.30	\$1,647.17

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriated,	\$200.00
Orders drawn :	
James A. Burgess, services and expenses,	\$97.00
S. S. Lovell, cleaning out catch-basins,	18.47
" " " sewer,	56.75
Chas. Winslow, veterinary surgeon, examining sick animals,	6.50 \$178.72

The sanitary condition of the town during the year just past has in many respects been better than that of any previous year. The services of the agent of the board have been most frequently required in cases of certain localities where buildings have been crowded together, regardless of anything except to see how much can be done on a small piece of land.

The corner on Centre street, recently purchased by the Catholics, has a store, a meat market, and a boarding-house, and until that place is provided with proper sewer service it will of necessity be a place that will be a constant care.

No epidemic form of disease has occurred in town during the year. Two cases of diphtheria have occurred, one fatal, but have by prompt and active work been kept in the families where they originated, and in each case but one person in each family has been afflicted. Three cases of scarlatina in a mild form have occurred, but the necessary precautions, as in a more severe case, have been strictly enforced. The public, it is evident, is beginning to recognize the usefulness of the board; they are lending a helping hand in many directions.

In one instance the board has thought it better to have a well of water, where malaria existed last year, not used for drinking purposes, with beneficial results. It would advise the discontinuance of the use of well water for drinking purposes in all the village where there is a possibility of filth or contamination.

A writer in a recent article in a medical journal states that typhoid fever comes largely from neglected privy vaults. It is then of the most vital importance that the same should be looked after.

The matter of dead animals, and the dumping of garbage in the outskirts of the village, is a source of much complaint and expense. Two dead hogs were left in the woods at night the last year.

Again we urge on the village the necessity of an increase of our sewers in certain places the coming year, as a safeguard to the public health.

HERRING ACCOUNT.

Received from towns on Taunton river for inspection at East Taunton,	\$130.00	
Received from sale of herrings,	345.00	
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		\$475.00
Paid L. M. Alden, for putting herrings over the dam,	\$45.95	
Randall Hathaway, lumber and labor fixing dam at Muttock,	23.25	
E. T. Lincoln, fish warden,	14.00	
J. A. Burgess, services, and cash paid for in- spection at East Taunton,	130.00	
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber,	2.68	215.88
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Balance to divide with Lakeville,	\$259.12	

It is expected that the bill for putting herrings above the dam will be paid by the State Fish Commission, which will increase the amount to be divided.

Respectfully submitted.

ALBERT T. SAVERY,	} Selectmen and Assessors.
SYLVANUS MENDALL,	
JOSEPH E. BEALS,	

Examined and found correct.

I. F. Atwood, Auditor.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To the Board of Selectmen :

In order to improve our highways and keep them in the best condition possible, I appointed the following sixteen men, with designated sections for each, subject to my directions, to have the immediate care of the roads, and to hire such additional help as they required. I have approved the following bills presented by them :

S. S. Lovell,	\$3,080.00	
A. F. Reed,	223.96	
I. E. Macomber,	449.71	
G. R. Sampson,	113.38	
S. W. Bump,	396.91	
H. A. Thompson,	286.00	
Wm. F. Atwood,	206.96	
B. C. Shaw,	370.83	
L. B. Pratt,	565.80	
J. H. Thomas,	467.07	
L. T. Miller,	257.32	
N. S. Cushing,	163.37	
J. E. Smith,	217.15	
J. K. Bishop,	229.91	
H. C. Tinkham,	195.86	
B. P. W. Lovell,	175.00	\$7,399.23

I have approved other bills as follows :

W. H. Southworth, for building tool-house at Centre Street gravel hill,	\$26.88	
Labor and material on Star Mill bridge and rail- ing near Centre Street crossing,	41.78	\$68.66

David J. Starbuck, for widening Fuller street,.....	48.38
George E. Allen, road machine,	250.00
" " extra irons and castings for new and old machines,	27.00
McAllister, for iron-work,	3.28
Allowed J. W. Howes, for building bridge, Chestnut st.,	30.00
Wm. Downing, for building new road at Eddyville, as ordered by the County Commissioners,.....	189.50
N. F. Shurtleff, for bridge plank,.....	2.77
M. O. Rounseville, for work on Water Street bridge and setting curbing,	200.00
LeBaron Foundry Co., covers for catch-basins,	22.50
M. O. Rounseville, building Arch street, as per contract,.....	\$640.00
M. O. Rounseville, extra work on same,	23.25
C. A. Stoddard, labor on Grove Street bridge,.....	9.25
J. H. Weston, " " " 	11.00
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber for do.,.....	165.58
" " lumber for bridges, railings, &c.,	67.63
T. W. Peirce, drain pipe, tools and labor,.....	100.69
J. & G. E. Doane, drain pipe, tools, &c.,.....	138.16
Old Colony Railroad, freight on road machine,.....	6.00
L. Dean, for plans for Arch street,.....	26.00
Albert Alden, labor on stone drain, Courtland street, ..	18.08
Wm. B. Wood, received on order from selectmen, for money paid for repairs on road machine, freight, pos- tage, &c.....	8.34
W. B. Wood, received orders from selectmen for ser- vices as superintendent,	580.00
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	\$10,035.30
I have approved bills for Alms-house bridge :	
To A. T. Briggs, Taunton, for stone-work,.....	500.00
E. E. Rider, wood-work,	125.00
B. P. W. Lovell, grading,	247.68
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	\$10,907.98

Examined and found correct.

I. F. ATWOOD, Auditor.

It is impossible with our present appropriation, which for the year 1890 was \$1500 less than for 1889, to answer all demands for repairs; but with few exceptions the roads in town are in a fairly good condition. I have exceeded the general highway appropriation by \$35.30. \$872.68 was paid for building the Alms-house bridge, which fell in and required immediate attention, and you, the selectmen, and the road commissioners of Lakeville, ordered built as soon as possible. The work is complete, and should call for no further expenditure for many years.

SIDEWALKS AND PAVING.

In addition to the concrete walks that you have had laid, there has been four thousand five hundred feet of new sidewalks made, and covered with coal cinders or screened gravel. On account of the limited means at my disposal, I was obliged to refuse many persistent and reasonable calls for new walks.

There have been thirteen hundred and fifty feet of gutters paved during the season. This was a very small part of what was needed, but as this work is quite expensive it was all that I felt justified in having done.

BRIDGES.

The Alms-house bridge has been rebuilt with a substantial truss bridge, with a span of thirty-five feet, and twenty feet wide. The wood-work is all of yellow pine, with good solid abutments laid in cement. The contract for stone-work was given to Abram T. Briggs, of Taunton, for \$1000, and the wood and iron-work to E. E. Rider for \$250, Lakeville paying one-half of this expense. The grading and railings on Middleborough's side were done by B. P. W. Lovell, at an expense of \$247.68; the whole expense to this town, as previously mentioned, being \$872.68. There is an unpaid bill for cedar posts and rails that was not presented in time for this report.

Grove Street bridge having become unsafe, I have been obliged to have the wood-work replaced with good yellow pine stringers and spruce planking and railings, at an expense of about \$200.

Water Street Bridge.—One of the sluiceways at the upper dam unexpectedly caved in, and new side walls have been laid and covered with white oak timber.

Vaughan's bridge at Wappanucket should be rebuilt as early in the season as possible. The estimated cost for an iron trussed bridge, with granite abutments, is \$2400, to be divided with Lakeville, and an additional estimated expense for railings and grading Middleborough's side of \$250.

Alden's bridge, at North Middleborough, which the county commissioners will order built this coming Summer, is estimated will cost \$4200, and \$500 to \$600 will be needed for widening and grading the approach to this bridge. I do not know what part of the expense will be assessed on this town.

BRIDGE AND STREET RAILINGS.

It seems to have become a custom for persons meeting with accidents, whether serious or imaginary, on town roads, walks, or ways, to call upon the town for damages for themselves or teams, and in most cases they are in no way modest in amount claimed. In order to better protect the town against claims for accidents, I have had over 3500 feet of railings placed on bridges and by the roadsides in the most dangerous localities. This work was mostly done by the section men, and the expense is included in their bills.

GUIDE AND STREET BOARDS.

During the past year the guide and street boards in town have nearly all been replaced with new boards and posts, or the boards thoroughly repaired, at an expense of about \$250. There was no appropriation for this work, and the bills have not been paid. I shall therefore ask you to recommend an appropriation of \$250 for this purpose.

STONE CRUSHER.

In the matter of purchasing a stone crusher, allow me to offer my views. We have large quantities of stones at the different gravel pits that have been accumulating for years, and are increasing yearly. It appears to me that the benefit to be derived from the work of the crusher, both in the utilizing of the stone and the improvement in our roads, will soon wipe out the expense of the crusher. While some may say that we shall soon use up all the stones, I would say that as long as we dig gravel we shall have

more or less material for a crusher, and if macadamized roads prove as successful here as in other places, it would pay to collect stones from old walls and stone heaps on the neighboring farms. Should the town see fit to purchase a crusher, it will call for an engine and suitable roller to harden the roads.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. WOOD,
Supt. of Streets.

ESTIMATES FOR A TAX, 1891.

For support of schools,	\$11,500.00
School books,	1,000.00
Superintendent's salary,	1,200.00
Incidental school expenses,	2,000.00
School committee,	150.00
Support of poor,	5,000.00
Support of insane,	800.00
Town officers,	2,200.00
Incidental expenses,	1,000.00
Lighting streets,	2,000.00
Military aid,	700.00
G. A. R., for Memorial Day,	150.00
Town-house committee,	600.00
Water supply to Fire District,	1,500.00
Town debt,	5,000.00
Interest,	2,000.00
Board of Health,	200.00
Highway department,	11,000.00
Guide-boards,	250.00
Concrete sidewalks,	500.00
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	\$48,750.00
Less corporation and bank taxes, (estimated,)	6,000.00
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	\$42,750.00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

The following notes to Middleborough Savings Bank :

July 5, 1889, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., on demand,.....	\$5,000.00
Feb. 3, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., payable in 4 years,	5,000.00
March 2, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., payable in 5 years,....	5,000.00
April 16, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., payable in 6 years,....	5,000.00
June 1, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., payable in 7 years,.....	5,000.00
July 2, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., payable in 8 years,	5,000.00
Dec. 1, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., payable in 9 years,	5,000.00
June 16, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., payable in 10 years, ...	5,200.00
July 25, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., payable in 11 years, ...	5,200.00
Dec. 18, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., payable in 12 years, ...	5,055.00
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	\$50,455.00
Due town officers, and other liabilities, (estimated,)...	1,500.00
Due for interest,.....	500.00
Probable loss on taxes,.....	800.00
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	\$53,255.00

ASSETS.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1,.....	\$17,146.40
Due on taxes,.....	12,836.40
Due from State, Military aid,	685.00
" " State aid,.....	2,607.50
Total assets,.....	<hr/>
	33,275.30

Balance of liabilities,..... \$19,979.70

Respectfully submitted.

ALBERT T. SAVERY,	} Selectmen of Middleborough.
SYLVANUS MENDALL,	
JOSEPH E. BEALS,	

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Jan. 1, 1891.

LIST OF JURORS.

The Selectmen propose the following persons to serve as Jurors the ensuing year, viz. :

Andrew Alden,
C. Herbert Alden,
Jared F. Alden,
Emery F. Atwood,
Harrison W. Atwood,
Harvey N. Atwood,
William F. Atwood,
Joseph E. Beals,
Grover Bennett,
John S. Benson,
Howard M. Bishop,
Joshua K. Bishop,
Samuel S. Bourne,
George F. Bryant,
Charles E. Bump,
Marshall P. Burgess,
Frederic P. Chase,
Abisha T. Clark, Jr.,
Amos D. Clark,
George S. Clark,
Charles F. Cornish,
George A. Cox,
Nathaniel S. Cushing,
Albert Deane,
Orien E. Deane,
Arlon R. Dustin,
George A. Earle,
Lucius M. Fuller,
George T. M. Gammons,
Francis B. Gibbs,
Foster A. Harlow,
William M. Haskins,
Israel T. Hathaway,
Benjamin E. Holmes,
James L. Jenney,
B. Frank Jones,
Nahum W. Keith,
Eugene P. LeBaron,
Thomas J. LeBaron,
Ezra S. Leonard,
Isaac E. Macomber,
Nathan B. Maxim,
William McAllister,

Adam P. McKeen,
Andrew W. Miller,
Luther B. Murdock,
Job Frank Peirce,
Isaac E. Perkins,
Edmund E. Phillips,
Ebenezer Pickens,
David G. Pratt,
Herbert A. Pratt,
Luther B. Pratt,
Nathan W. Pratt,
Edmund S. Russell,
John H. Ryder,
James M. Sampson,
Albert T. Savery,
Truman C. Savery,
Benjamin C. Shaw,
Joseph A. Shaw,
Walter A. Shaw,
Albert W. Smith,
John E. Smith,
Augustus H. Soule,
George L. Soule,
Warren H. Southworth,
Dennis D. Sullivan,
David S. Surrey,
Ichabod B. Thomas,
John B. Thomas,
Josiah H. Thomas,
Lazelle E. Thomas,
Henry A. Thompson,
Philander W. Thompson,
George F. Tinkham,
Alvin P. Vaughan,
Asaph F. Washburn,
Seneca T. Weston,
William L. White,
Edward F. Witham,
Albert J. Wood,
Edward C. Wood,
Edward F. Wood,
Warren Wood,
William B. Wood.

ALBERT T. SAVERY,	} Selectmen of Middleborough.
SYLVANUS MENDALL,	
JOSEPH E. BEALS,	

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Feb. 1, 1891.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT .
OF THE
Trustees of the Public Library,
JANUARY, 1891.

A summary of the details of work done in the Library by the Librarian and her assistants, is set forth in the following

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Trustees of the Middleborough Public Library :

GENTLEMEN,—The seventeenth annual report of the Middleborough Public Library is as follows :

Library open to the public 306 days, in which 17,880 volumes were distributed, as follows: Juvenile reading, 5112; descriptive and travels, 810; history, American and foreign, 386; biography, 412; natural history and scientific, 136; literature, essays, and poetry, 260; religion and theology, 37; bound periodicals and political economy, 601; fiction, 10,126. The largest monthly circulation was in March, and the smallest in June. The greatest number of books drawn in any one day was 164, October 18th; the smallest number 13, October 21st. Number of cards issued to date 4215, showing a gain of 152 for the year. The whole number of volumes now in the library is 5334. 268 volumes have been added during the year, and 90 volumes have been rebound. Covered, numbered and labelled, 1213. Received from fines, \$41.71; sale of cards and catalogues, \$3. Paid express, etc., \$9.

Among the more noticeable books added during the year may be mentioned the Century Dictionary, Webster's and Worcester's Dictionaries, and the Riverside Natural History, a valuable work in six volumes, edited by John Sterling Kingsley.

ADELAIDE K. THATCHER, Librarian.

January, 1891.

Pamphlets, unbound books and magazines, are not included in the number of books given as in the library. The library has received as donations 36 volumes from the American Unitarian Association, and 20 volumes from friends of Rev. W. H. Ramsey, through his influence. The Unitarian Association contributes the Unitarian Review to the reading-room. All books as added are entered in the card catalogue, with references to author, title, and other cross references to subjects, etc., as may assist in the finding of desired books.

The trustees have been able to increase the number of hours per day in which the library and reading-room are open to the public. Beginning with June 1st, the room has been open from 2 to 8 o'clock P. M., daily, except Sundays and holidays. Miss Lucy M. T. Brayton has had charge during the added hours. Misses Myra K. Leonard and Harriet B. Sylvester have acted as assistants, as wanted from time to time.

The reading-room seems to be increasing in favor, and will probably continue to do so, as discriminating readers realize the opportunities offered. No statistics are kept of the number of readers. The following periodicals are included in the list to be found on the table :

American Agriculturist,	New England Magazine,
Art Interchange,	North American Review,
Arena,	Outing,
Atlantic Monthly,	Overland Monthly,
Century,	Patent Office Official Gazette,
Current Literature,	Popular Science Monthly,
Eclectic Magazine,	Public Opinion,
Forum,	Saint Nicholas,
Frank Leslie's Monthly,	Scientific American,
Godey's,	Scientific American Supplement,
Harper's Magazine,	Scribner's Magazine,
Magazine of American History,	Unitarian Review,
Manifesto,	Wide Awake.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees,

JOSEPH E. BEALS, Secretary.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1890-91.

Term expires 1891.	Term expires 1892.	Term expires 1893.
George Brayton,	E. Robinson,	Wm. R. Peirce, Pres.,
James M. Coombs,	E. S. Hathaway,	C. D. Kingman,
Jos. E. Beals, Sec.,	A. M. Wood,	W. H. Southworth.

TREASURER'S REPORT, PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance of cash on hand at last annual report,	\$102.76
Received for difference in exchange of books,	10.50
From town treasurer, "dog money,"	766.24
" " "other licenses,"	60.00
Fines during the year,	41.71
For cards and catalogues,	3.00

\$984.21

Paid A. K. Thatcher, librarian,	\$200.00
Myra K. Leonard, assistance,	24.20
Harriet B. Sylvester, assistance,	16.80
Lucy M. T. Brayton, assistance,	44.75
Estes & Lauriat, for books,	254.29
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,	35.50
Balch Brothers, books,	50.00
H. C. Nash, books,	32.40
Cassell Publishing Co., books,	12.00
Geo. T. Ryder & Co., book,	1.17
James M. Coombs, magazines,	62.05
" " printing and advertising,	7.50
N. D. C. Hodges, magazine,	4.67
F. W. R. Emery, rebinding books,	27.00
" " magazine covers,	4.70
John Shaw, mucilage and ink,	1.10
F. W. Hayden, repairing clock,	1.25
C. B. Botsford & Co., paper for covering books,	10.50
For stationery, postage, express, freight, etc.,	17.52
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Balance on hand,	\$176.81

JOSEPH E. BEALS, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

I. F. Atwood, Auditor.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, January, 1891.

REPORT

OF THE

Overseers of the Poor,

FOR THE YEAR 1890.

Net amount drawn from the treasury,..... \$6,147.17

Received as follows, viz., from

City of Lynn,	\$43.40	
Taunton,	53.03	
Town of Wareham,	74.70	
Plymouth,	177.00	
Cohasset,	3.75	
Harwich,	15.00	
Pembroke,	149.62	
Falmouth,	98.50	
Freetown,	128.03	
State Treasurer, for State paupers,	20.00	
On account of State aid,	72.00	835.03
Produce from the farm sold,		414.51
		\$7,396.71

Paid out as follows, viz. :

For support of paupers in the Alms-house, \$2,556.73

Out of the Alms-house :

Mrs. Allen Pratt,	\$48.00
Caroline M. Packard,	58.75
James E. Richmond,	75.00
Stillman B. Morse,	26.00
Charles Murray,	78.00

Mrs. Catharine A. Hollis,	75.00	
Samuel B. Maxim,	45.00	
Samuel Wood,	12.96	
Robert R. Clark,	6.75	
E. Bell,	37.00	
Azel T. Eaton,	73.50	
Mary L. Beisecker,	136.00	
Harriet McLaughlin,	6.00	
Albert Elliot,	156.00	
Paul Short,	21.00	
L. Paul,	21.00	
Levi Shaw,	78.00	
E. Cushing Bonney,	22.00	
Joanna Durant,	72.00	
Huldah P. Shurtleff,	54.57	
Patience C. Benson,	78.00	
Sally C. Benson,	52.00	
Nancy, Sarah and Olive Leonard,	156.00	
Sarah Vaughan,	71.00	
Betsey C. Cobb,	53.00	
Rachel W. Thomas,	66.00	
Aseneth E. Alden,	10.00	
Mary Lyon,	1.25	
John Thompson,	71.31	
Paul Short,	82.59	
Emerson P. Morse,	24.00	
Charles W. Tribou,	28.00	
Wendell White,	15.00	
Fred. Wilmot,	5.75	
Standish Ryder,	62.00	
Frank Durant,	50.80	
E. Cushing Bonney,	82.00	
Moses T. Smith,	70.00	2,081.23
City of New Bedford, for aid furnished		
Mrs. Mary Lawrence,	\$67.50	
Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson,	13.00	
Mrs. Nora Barrows,	6.25	
Adam Laspe,	29.00	

City of Newburyport, for aid furnished		
Lydia Jones,	12.15	
City of Taunton, for aid furnished		
William L. White,	5.62	
John Leary,	40.00	
City of Lawrence, for aid furnished		
Sarah Phelan,	1.00	
City of Brockton, for aid furnished		
Mrs. Ellen J. Weeks,	11.75	
Town of Falmouth, for aid furnished		
Mrs. Clara S. Carr,	96.00	
Town of Westport, for aid furnished		
Rosalie A. Thyng,	52.00	
Town of Sandwich, for aid furnished		
H. H. P. Lovell,	84.08	
Town of North Attleborough, for aid furnished		
Stillman Smith,	10.05	428.40

In Marlborough :

Paid for Joannah O'Keefe,\$156.43

In Westborough Insane Hospital :

Paid for Mrs. Emma K. Glancy, 44.57

Mrs. Lucy A. Harlow, 75.22

In Bridgewater Asylum :

Paid for George Wallen, 146.00 422.22

Paid aid furnished those having settlements in other places :

George W. Brackett, Lynn, \$98.88

Matthias H. Long, Wareham, 204.38

Charles P. Pittsley, Wareham, 13.65

Mrs. Mercy Thomas, Truro, 36.50

Mrs. Anna W. Haynes, Taunton, 53.03

Mrs. Hiram Bryant, Plymouth, 165.40

Mrs. George B. Wentworth, Plymouth. 81.50

Mrs. Abbie Robinson, Harwich, 70.00

Abishai Pittsley, Freetown, 7.00

Ezra A. Pittsley, Freetown,	128.03	
Elijah Baxter, Falmouth,	98.50	
Charles H. Ford, Pembroke,	149.62	1,106.49
Paid Elisha Thomas, for labor on farm,	\$57.37	
Thayer Heater Co., for repairs,	6.60	
Shiverick & Thomas, for concreting,	15.00	
James L. Jenney, for coal,	27.92	
George Soule, for undertaking,	58.50	
John Riddle, for painting,	17.50	
Winslow Pratt, for two yearlings,	17.00	
H. L. Thatcher & Co., for printing,	1.75	
Dr. T. S. Hodgson, for professional services one year,	50.00	
Geo. W. Sherman and wife, for services one year,	550.00	801.64
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		\$7,396.71

Examined and found correct.

I. F. Atwood, Auditor.

Whole number in the Alms-house during the year,	344	
Whole number of tramps during the year,	320	
Remaining the whole time.	15	
Present number,	18	
Number of weeks for one person,	1,012	
Average expense per week, not including superintendent's salary,	\$2.13	
Amount of real estate, January 1, 1891,	\$9,915.00	
Amount of personal estate, January 1, 1891,	2,573.98	\$12,488.98
Amount of real estate, January 1, 1890,	\$9,865.00	
Amount of personal estate, January 1, 1890,	2,145.35	12,010.35
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Increase over last year,		\$478.63

AMOUNT OF PRODUCE RAISED ON THE FARM.

Squashes and pumpkins,	4 tons.
Corn fodder,	4 “
Hay,	20 “
Corn,	142 bushels.
Potatoes,	300 “
Turnips,	93 “
Beans,	2 “
Peas,	6 “
Beets,	85 “
Onions,	2 “
Cabbage,	300 heads.
Eggs,	300 dozen.
Milk,	2300 gallons.
Butter,	250 pounds.
Pork,	3600 “
Veal,	280 “
Beef,	1200 “

Tomatoes, Cucumbers, &c.

There have been two deaths in the Alms-house during the year. George Bennett died Feb. 18, 1890, aged 82 years; Mrs. Phebe Wood died March 6, 1890, aged 89 years.

We again extend the same invitation that we have done in previous years, and would like to have every one visit the Alms-house and see for themselves how the inmates are cared for, and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman would be much pleased to have you do so, and will give you all the information they can.

ANDREW C. WOOD,	} Overseers of the Poor.
SYLVANUS MENDALL,	
CHARLES T. THATCHER,	

STATE AID

Furnished the following persons for the year ending Dec. 31, 1890.

Atwood, Mrs. Eliza A.	\$28.00	McKenney, Francis	\$8.00
Bumpus, Marcus	36.00	Merrick, John R.	4.00
Bump, Benjamin W.	36.00	Norveill, Mrs. Susan	48.00
Bliss, Alphonso	54.00	Nichols, James G.	36.00
Benson, Mrs. Paulina R.	48.00	Pittsley, Charles P.	72.00
Butler, Mrs. Susan K.	48.00	Powers, George	18.00
Chamberlain, Mrs. Catherine	44.00	Perkins, Mrs. Calista	48.00
Cobb, Ansel A.	48.00	Ryder, Stephen C.	28.00
Crosby, Asa F.	96.00	Raymond, Marcus M.	36.00
Cole, Job N.	46.00	Shaw, William B.	72.00
Dorr, Amos L.	72.00	Shaw, William N.	72.00
Fagan, Peter	120.00	Shaw, Isaac	24.00
Gammons, Thomas G.	36.00	Shaw, George H., 2d	12.90
Goldsboro, John F.	48.00	Scanlin John	72.00
Glancy, Bernard	72.00	Standish, Alfred O.	48.00
Gibbs, Stephen S.	18.00	Smith, Christopher C.	9.00
Haskins, Harrison	54.00	Smith, Hercules	1.50
Hunt, Mrs. Vesta H.	48.00	Soule, Mrs. Abbie J.	24.00
Haines, Mrs. Maria S.	48.00	Sherman, Mrs. Eliza B.	48.00
Hansell, Mrs. Lottie E.	4.00	Tinkham, Mrs. Sarah A.	48.00
Haynes, Mrs. Anna W.	36.00	Tillson Benjamin O.	36.00
Hall, Mrs. Elizabeth	48.00	Thomas, Arad, Jr.	16.00
Jefferson, Mrs. Sarah C.	24.00	Westgate, Edward S.	48.00
Jennings, Mrs. Harriet E.	48.00	Weston, Sanford	48.00
Knowland, John B.	48.00	Wood, Jacob	32.00
Lane, Benjamin F.	120.00	Wood, Mrs. Eliza T.	48.00
Lucas, Abner	48.00	Weatherby, Mrs. Betsey D.	48.00
Littlejohn, Ira O.	32.00	Whitcomb, Mrs. Martha W.	48.00
Mellen, Charles C.	72.00	Ware, Mrs. Harriet A.	48.00
Morse, Ezra	18.00		
McMann, James E.	9.00		\$2,607.50

MILITARY AID

Furnished the following persons for the year ending Dec. 31, 1890.

Bisbee, Sylvanus	\$60.00	Mitchell, Charles	\$72.00
Chace, Ezra S.	58.00	Perkins, Nathan A.	120.09
Deane, George R.	96.00	Raymond, Fred. R.	72.00
Fessenden, James C.	60.00	Thompson, George H.	96.00
Gibbs, Abiel	16.00	Wood, Daniel F.	64.00
Gay, Erastus E.	44.00	Whitcomb, William R.	24.00
Glidden, Benjamin R.	120.00	Wilmot, Thomas E.	60.00
Howes, Charles A.	96.00	Williams, Samuel	48.00
Lovell, Henry H. P.	72.00		
Morse, Emerson P.	120.00		\$1,370.00
Morse, Artemas	72.00		

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR.

Taxes remaining unpaid for

1882, as per last report,	\$3.46
1883, " " 	38.38
1884, " " 	87.88
1885, " " 	206.91
1886, " " 	532.28
1887, " " 	1,156.36
1888, " " 	2,415.87
1889, " " 	7,057.30

Taxes committed 1890,49,804.36

Interest and summonses received, 487.97 \$61,790.77

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Taxes remaining unpaid for 1883,	\$21.51
" " 1884,	48.31
" " 1885,	75.30
" " 1886,	281.78
" " 1887,	789.39
" " 1888,	1,468.88
" " 1889,	3,422.58
" " 1890,	6,728.65

Assessors' orders, 568.15

Cash paid town treasurer,48,386.22 \$61,790.77

C. T. THATCHER, Collector.

Examined and found correct.

I. F. ATWOOD, Auditor.

Report of the Town Treasurer,

FOR THE YEAR 1890.

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Cash received as follows :

On hand, as per last year's report,.....	\$19,150.74
From State Treasurer, for corporation tax,.....	4,190.63
“ “ national bank tax,	1,915.19
“ “ State aid,.....	2,285.00
“ “ military aid,.....	721.39
“ “ income of school fund,.....	184.90
County Treasurer, for dog licenses for 1889,	766.24
Middleborough Savings Bank,	5,000.00
New England Trust Co., for interest allowed on deposits,	242.91
Overseers of the poor,	835.03
Town-house committee,	800.65
Randall Hathaway, for herrings,	345.00
I. F. Atwood, for auctioneer's license,	2.00
Austin Lovell, “ “	2.00
A. T. Savery, “ “	2.00
Isaac E. Macomber, “ “	2.00
D. J. Moulton, for innholder's license, .....	.50
Gideon Thomas, for restaurant license,.....	.50
Chester W. Turner, for peddler's license,.....	11.00
Charles Y. Wilcox, “ “ .....	.50
Patrick J. Clark, “ “	11.00
W. R. Dunham, “ “	11.00
Irwin, for circus license,	10.00
E. H. Blake, license to sell fireworks,	5.00
Central Baptist Society, for drain pipe,.....	23.40
George W. Copeland, for use of sewer,.....	20.00

From Peirce Academy, for use of sewer,	15.00
Thomas W. Peirce, " "	25.00
Mrs. H. Barrows, " "	25.00
F. M. Sherman, for concreting,	19.75
W. L. Chipman, clerk 4th district court, for fines,	24.20
Priscilla Wood's estate, for benefit cemetery lot, ...	50.00
Maps sold, .....	.55
From the following cities and towns, on account of fish:	
Taunton, \$30; Fall River, \$10; Dighton, \$20; Free-	
town, \$10; Somerset, \$20; Raynham, \$20; Berkley,	
\$20,	130.00
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	\$36,828.08
From collector of taxes,	48,386.22
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	\$85,214.30

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Paid State Treasurer, for State tax,	\$2,817.50
" " national bank tax,	141.50
County Treasurer, for county tax,	3,597.78
Street lighting committee orders,	1,833.32
School committee orders,	15,306.68
Town-house committee orders,	1,104.21
Overseers of the poor orders,	6,932.20
Selectmen's orders,	18,280.70
Board of health orders,	160.25
Assessors' orders,	169.45
Road commissioners' orders,	30.00
Notes and interest,	12,098.80
Military aid,	1,370.00
State aid,	2,607.50
Joseph E. Beals, for Public Library, dog licenses	
for 1889,	766.24
Jos. E. Beals, for Public Library, for other licenses,	60.00
L. M. Alden, for G. A. R.,	150.00
N. Y. & B. D. Express Co's bill,	5.00
Town treasurer's salary,	550.00
Stamps, envelopes, postal cards, box rent, blanks, &c.,	36.77

Deposited in Middleborough Savings Bank, for Priscilla Wood's estate, to keep cemetery lot in order,	50.00
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	\$68,067.90
Cash on hand,	17,146.40
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	\$85,214.30

C. T. THATCHER, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

I. F. ATWOOD, Auditor.

Report of the Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in Middleborough in 1890.

Date.	Name.	Residence.	Name.	Residence.
Jan. 18	Leon D. Farrington,	Middleboro'.	Rosa Shaw,	Middleboro'.
25	William Handy,	Marion.	Mrs. Ellen M. Glidden	"
Mar. 1	J. Frank Childs,	Lakeville.	Jennie H. Barney,	Lakeville.
26	James K. Richmond,	Middleboro'.	Lizzie E. Tobey,	Middleboro'.
April 2	Elmer E. Bonney,	"	Cecelia S. Ormiston,	Cambridge.
2	Harvey C. Thomas,	"	Lizzie M. Hallett,	Middleboro'.
7	Ira O. Littlejohn,	"	Dorcas S. Powell,	Boston.
10	Clarence E. Nelson,	"	Anna W. Mosher,	Middleboro'.
15	William E. Crosby,	"	Lottie N. Cobb,	Rochester.
30	Chester E. Weston,	"	Flora G. Thomas,	Middleboro'.
May 14	Charles E. Morrill,	"	Lillian P. Farrington,	"
25	Christopher Bruce,	Carver.	Grace A. Washburn	Carver.
June 3	Henry C. Stonehouse,	Middleboro'.	Mrs. Maria V. Morse,	Middleboro'.
3	Benj. Butterworth,	Warren, R. I.	Mary I. Smith,	Warren, R. I.
4	Henry G. Porter,	Middleboro'.	Delia I. Tinkham,	Middleboro'.
11	Harrison Washburn,	"	Abbie A. Dean,	Raynham.
14	Willie N. Foye,	Boston.	Winf'd E. Hathaway,	Middleboro'.
16	George E. Barney,	Lakeville.	Lottie A. Eaton,	Lakeville.
25	William A. Conway,	Middleboro'.	Jennie L. Aldrich,	Middleboro'.
26	Thos. C. McCormick,	"	Mary A. Casey,	"
29	David B. Caswell,	Lakeville.	Serena J. Keyes,	"
30	Melville L. Matthews,	New Bedford.	Anna A. Caswell,	"
July 1	James A. Haskell,	Taunton.	Melaney J. Elms,	Taunton.
3	Elmer S. Cornell,	Brockton.	Jessie A. Swift,	Boston.
3	Joseph E. Packard,	Middleboro'.	Marybell McSween,	Middleboro'.
20	Patrick J. Crowley,	"	Anna A. Walsh,	"
22	Myron A. Bump,	"	Bessie F. Merrihew,	"
26	Charles S. Gove,	"	Edith W. Hallett,	"
30	Herb't C. Hammond,	"	Susie M. Mayo,	"
Aug. 19	Benj. C. Hamilton,	Nashua, N. H.	Hattie Mansfield,	"
24	William McCausland,	Middleboro'.	Mary Ryan,	"
Sept. 1	Ezra J. Bourne,	"	Lucy A. Jones,	Wilmot, N. H.
4	J. Herbert Everson,	South Hanson.	Minnie B. Pittsley,	Middleboro'.
5	John Heywood,	Middleboro'.	Caroline L. Rootes,	"
6	Melvin E. Thomas,	"	Della L. Barrows,	"
6	Charles Gibbs,	"	Bessie Murray,	"
13	Timothy Scanlon,	"	Mary Doolan,	"
21	Ezra Shaw,	No. Carver.	Mrs. B. J. Gonsalve,	"
20	Lyman W. Cobb,	Middleboro'.	Edith A. Nye,	"
27	Herbert A. Murch,	"	Mrs. F. A. Baldwin,	"

MARRIAGES — *Concluded.*

Date.	Name.	Residence.	Name.	Residence.
Oct. 1	Myron W. Baxter,	Middleboro'.	Eugenia L. Richter,	Middleboro'.
1	Henry C. Monroe,	"	Susie L. Loring,	W. Newton.
8	Charles E. Ripley,	"	Maud I. Burgess,	Deer Isl'd, Me.
16	Walter E. Temple,	Bridgewater.	Lizzie F. Sampson,	Middleboro'.
20	Edward H. Blake,	Middleboro'.	Ada E. Gay,	Southbridge.
22	Walter C. McCrillis,	"	M. M. Southworth,	Middleboro'.
26	George A. Shurtleff,	Carver.	Syrvell M. Westgate,	Carver.
Nov. 2	Charles E. Holmes,	Middleboro'.	Sadie M. Dickey,	Middleboro'.
3	William Page,	"	Sophy Dixon,	"
3	Alonzo Fenton,	Plympton.	Mrs. Mary J. Gross,	Plympton.
5	Paul Silver,	Middleboro'.	Rosa Paulina,	Middleboro'.
7	Franklin P. Fenno,	"	Lydia F. Caswell,	"
9	David Houlihan,	"	Delia Higgins,	"
12	Orrin R. Smith,	"	Mary I. Copeland,	"
20	L. Bertrand Mendall,	"	Florence A. Francis,	" [Me.
20	Clifford S. Lovell,	"	Carrie M. Hicks,	So. Robbinston
26	Ernest G. Butland,	"	Lillian C. Hathaway,	Middleboro'.
27	Ephraim E. Stringer,	Carver.	Hattie A. Atwood,	Carver.
Dec. 4	Henry Soldan,	New York.	Abbie M. Murdock,	Middleboro'.
7	Thos. G. Knowland,	Middleboro'.	Amelia Kelley,	Centreville.
14	Herbert E. Godfrey,	Fairhaven.	Alice M. Bridgham,	Hebron, Me.
15	Charles H. Fuller,	Middleboro'.	Kate Lee,	Middleboro'.
18	Albert E. Dunham,	"	Alice S. Easterbrook,	"
18	James E. Marvell,	"	Abbie W. Hathaway,	Wareham.
18	Andrew J. Bisbee,	"	Carrie F. Sampson,	Fairhaven.
25	Antone S. Noons,	"	Treza E. Skneira,	Middleboro'.
30	Walter Almond,	New Bedford.	Mary A. O'Donnell,	"

Births Registered in Middleborough in 1890.

Date.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.	Maiden Name.
Jan. 1	Isabel L. Pratt.	Luther B. and Sarah L.	Tripp.
3	Rachel Arnold.	John P. and Elelinor.	Carr.
10	Myra A. Andrews.	William A. and Mary W.	Tilden.
14	Herbert L. Wilbur.	Ansel C. and Mary R.	Weston.
14	Ella Benton.	Henry W. and Ella F.	Tinkham.
18	Alfred A. Weatherby.	Fred. A. and Sarah C.	Loud.
21	Joseph Thomas.	Antone and Mary A.	Melia.
30	Guy L. Tillson.	Ephraim and Annie F.	Sampson.
Feb. 1	Lewis B. Gay.	Bradley L. and Catharine A.	Bagnell.
2	Marion M. Glidden.	Amasa R. and Mary B.	Pickens.
2	Mary T. Mullens.	John and Mary T.	Houlihan.
3	Edith W. Tinkham.	Edgar W. and Margaret N.	Walker.
8	Mildrid F. Shaw.	Samuel and Abbie.	Frost.
8	Sarah E. Sears.	Winslow H. and Mary E.	Lucas.
9	Harrold B. Griffeth.	Arthur B. and Lillian B.	Coombs.
11	Frank B. Wesson.	Edward M. and Angeline E.	Brewer.
11	Joseph E. Dixon.	Joseph E. and Susan M.	Wilson.
12	— Gorham.	George E. and Cynthia N.	Potter.
14	Curtis W. Peirce.	Charlest T. and Helen W.	Curtis.
17	Elmer L. Sturtevant.	Samuel S. and Anna F.	Curtis.
17	Alice S. Howe.	John W. and Elizabeth C.	Crowell.
19	Ruth M. Davis.	Caleb F. and Ella F.	White.
20	James H. Chace.	Jacob T. and Addie L.	Caswell.
27	Bessie M. Norton.	Lee C. and Emily S.	Dyer.
28	Julia Farley.	Thomas and Maggie.	Ryan.
Mar. 2	Maud L. Hall.	Fred. P. and Emily A.	Hunt.
4	James Keeley.	James and Mary.	Ryan.
7	Hazel W. Fuller.	Granville O. and Lottie M.	Wentworth.
8	Katharine G. Hayden.	Fayette W. and Fannie A.	Clark.
9	Joseph P. Canavan.	Joseph and Maria.	Shea.
11	Lester M. Alexander.	Charles and Emily F.	Vaughan.
14	Frederic Fies.	Frederic and Lizzie.	Wonderlof.
17	Percy H. Demoranville.	William and Kate G.	Hayes.
20	Agnes M. Krouse.	Bernard and Mary H.	Rudolph.
24	Wallace A. Ashley.	Lugean F. and Nancy.	Wright.
April 2	Harrold G. Tinkham.	Charles A. and Annie L.	Bradley.
4	Ralph W. Maddigan.	Michael and Mary L.	Dunham.
5	Clifford H. Tobey.	Frank H. and Clara E.	Farnsworth.
13	Elizabeth J. Carver.	Joseph and Mary B.	Caswell.
17	Viola M. Besse.	Earl G. and Ellen L.	Pratt.
19	Mary C. Azevedo.	Marinno and Balbrino.	Camara.
19	Thomas D. Jordao.	Thomas D. and Mariana.	Lee.
28	Clarence A. Swift.	Edgar F. and Julia A.	Eaton.
29	William H. Shaw.	Elmer F. and Alice M.	Demoraville.
May 6	Nellie A. Chace.	John C. and Lavinia E.	Burnham.
6	Alfred Hillson.	George L. and Rosamond.	Alden.
7	Azel T. Eaton.	Alexander and Lizzie F.	Morrison.
10	— Gilman.	Walter and Lena.	Parry.
10	— Bettencort.	Marinno and Anna E.	Baker.
12	Melville Baker.	Austin L. and Luella E.	

BIRTHS — *Continued.*

Date.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.	Maiden Name.
May 12	George L. Barney.	George L. and Carrie F.	Gibbs.
13	Oscar F. Reed.	John S. and Ada F.	Pratt.
17	Leo A. Quindley.	William J. and Annie M.	Sulcliffe.
20	Joseph G. Rose.	Manuel G. and Egnous M.	Legras.
20	Violet M. Thomas.	Arthur C. and Fannie B.	Scribner.
26	Lizzie M. Ashley.	William C. and Lizzie L.	McNeil.
31	Florence M. Weston.	Sanford and Lizzie E.	Maxim.
June 3	Albert Drummond.	Richard J. and Ellen.	Maney.
4	Nancy A. Bryant.	Hiram and Eunice M.	Raymond.
7	Bertha E. Haskell.	Edward and Evelyn A.	Lovell.
14	Manuel Thomas.	Frank and Mary.	Rose.
19	Edith T. Carter.	Thomas and Edith A.	Morse.
20	Hannah E. Dustin.	Arlon R. and Mary E.	Bisbee.
23	Cora B. Soule.	Orlando and Sarah E.	Sherman.
25	Ida M. Bonney.	George E. and Susan F.	Raymond.
29	Harrold E. Fitts.	Edward P. and Caroline B.	Tabor.
July 3	Margaret S. Leonard.	Arthur H. and Lizzie L.	Shaw.
11	Ethel R. Bryant.	Cephas and Ruth.	Watson.
12	William E. Dunham.	Herman E. and Lena.	Morris.
16	Rena Otis Simmons.	Henry O. and Anna L.	Chandler.
18	Harry R. Belmont.	Thomas J. and Kate.	Carrigan.
21	Ethel May Bump.	Myron A. and Bessie F.	Merrihew.
25	Charles L. Farrington.	Leon B. and Rosa S.	Shaw.
28	Clara D. Rudolph.	Lewis and Mary A.	Morris.
29	Lillian A. Hanson.	John H. and Gerda A.	Fairberg.
31	Frances M. Parker.	Edward H. and Fannie M.	Stebbins.
31	Nina Richardson.	Charles O. and Gertrude E.	Card.
Aug. 1	Grace M. Bryant.	George F. and Roxanna E.	Hagen.
2	Sylvanus R. Farrington	Clarence A. and Anna H.	Vaughan.
7	George H. Thompson.	George H. and Ellen.	Farrell.
9	Jennie T. Johnson.	John T. and Takler B.	Svenson.
18	Olive E. Raymond.	Rufus H. and Lillie J.	Caswell.
18	Celestina O. Shaw.	Dana H. and Nellie.	Peckham.
20	Honora A. Houlihan.	James and Alice.	Flynn.
Sept. 5	Jennie S. Wrightington	Charles G. and Roxanna C.	Keyes.
6	— Thomas.	Gardner and Emeline B.	Haven.
10	Alfred C. D. Conant.	Virgil F. and Hattie S.	McKay.
15	James F. Howe.	James F. and Mary.	Sweeney.
18	Helen M. Johnson.	Millard F. and E. Addie.	Allen.
22	Lydia E. Dow.	Clarence H. and Maria E.	Drew.
Oct. 3	Reginald W. Drake.	Henry S. and Mary C.	Tribou.
4	Elizabeth Fickert.	Robert and Emma A.	Rudolph.
Nov. 6	Nina L. Rogers.	James C. and Elizabeth B.	Gardner.
7	Anna J. Curley.	Thomas F. and Mary J.	Morley.
8	— Horton.	Fred. A. and Jennie.	Robbins.
11	— Norton.	Edwin A. and Thirza S.	True.
23	Alice C. Dunham.	Arad R. and Florence A.	Monroe.
27	William G. Heywood.	John and Caroline L.	Rootes.
27	Elsie M. Downing.	W. Henry and Ida M.	Densmore.
28	Albert Alden.	Arthur B. and Mary H.	Soule.

BIRTHS — *Concluded.*

Date.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.	Maiden Name.
Dec. 1	George O. Long.	Matthias H. and Huldah A.	Bumpus.
2	Minnie B. Bray.	Thomas and Amelia A.	Boehme.
26	Lizzie E. Doherty.	Edward F. and Catherine F.	Cannon.
28	— Richard.	H. Victor and Sarah A.	
29	Achsie M. Godfrey.	Herbert E. and Alice M.	Bridgham.
30	Mildred S. Alden.	Arthur H. and Annie D.	Shuman.
31	Edmund T. Boehme.	Charles H. and Mary A.	O'Connor.

Deaths Registered in Middleborough in 1890.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Disease.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan.	3 Mrs. Eliza N. Lincoln,	86			Brain disease.
	3 Henry W. Smith,	66	9		Cancer.
	9 Mrs. Susie S. Dunham,	36		29	Vital exhaustion.
	13 Mrs. Susannah R. Dempsey,	45	7	2	Paralysis of the heart.
	18 Mrs. Ella F. Benton,	30	11	14	Childbed fever.
	22 Mrs. Martha D. Bradford,	75	1	19	Consumption.
	24 Mrs. Sadie L. Brown,	17	7	20	Pleurisy and bronchitis.
Feb.	1 Thomas G. Parry,	62	1	22	Bronchitis.
	5 Mrs. Lydia L. Chase,	92	11		Heart failure and old age.
	6 Joseph T. Wood,	71	10	20	" and bronchial
	15 — Gorham,			2	Without vitality. [fever.
	15 Hannah S. Gammons,	55	1	24	Tumor.
	18 George Bennett,	82			Old age.
	20 Mrs. Harriet McLaughlin,	77	6	16	Cancer.
	21 Mrs. Hannah R. Jackson,	83	10	23	Heart failure.
	22 Joseph E. Dixon,			11	Heart disease.
	24 Mrs. Jeannette A. Fessenden	51	8		Dropsy.
	26 John Alden Thomas,	84	10	8	Pneumonia.
Mar.	3 Mrs. Lillian A. Bailey,	29	8	27	Influenza-complications.
	4 James Keeley,			3	Heart trouble.
	4 Sherman Estes,	40	8		Pneumonia.
	6 Preston G. Clark,	17	3		Consumption.
	6 Mrs. Phebe Wood,	89			Old age.
	20 Levi Morse,	87	6	24	Shock.
	21 Joseph Clark,	69			Epilepsy.
	27 James E. Clark,		1	13	Cholera infantum.
Apr.	30 Mrs. Eliza A. Shaw,	62	10	4	Heart disease.
	14 Charlotte Vaughan,	1	1		Convulsions.
	16 Frank B. Durant,	40			Consumption.
	22 Mrs. Marcia Weston,	72	4	19	Pleurisy.
	26 Mrs. Hattie M. Hastay,	28	1	22	Inflammation of lungs.
	28 Philip H. Beisecker,	38	9	3	Consumption.
	28 Lewis Lincoln,	86		8	Shock, result of accident.
May	1 Louisa B. Wood,	9	7		Tubercular meningitis.
	7 Mrs. Catherine S. Barden,	72	3	9	Strangul'n of intestines.
	10 Mary E. Sampson,	20	5	7	Consumption.
	13 William J. Francis,	58	3	3	Heart failure.
	18 Guy L. Tillson,		3	18	Acute hydrocephalus.
	19 Zalmen T. Wallen,	55	9	24	Inflammation of brain.
	20 James Nuttall,	30	3	20	Rheumatism about heart.
	24 Mrs. Delia Bishop,	86	4	4	Consumption.
June	28 Mrs. Mary Galligan,	60		1	Phthisis.
	2 Charles A. Tyler,	76			Old age.
	3 John C. Reed,	83	2	3	Old age.
	10 Mrs. Ann M. A. Shaw,	62	10	14	La grippe.
	16 M. Immanuel Thomas,			3	
	19 Mrs. Susan Willis,	77	11	19	Cancer.
July	21 Mrs. Eliza S. Littlejohn,	74		21	Cystitis.
	5 Charles F. Swift,	22	10	18	Phthisis.

DEATHS — *Concluded.*

Date.	Name.	Age.			Disease.
		Y.	M.	D.	
July 8	Lizzie E. Marshall,	8	6	14	Purpura Hæmorrhagica,
29	Mrs. Betsey Wright,	85	5	7	Consum'n. [hæmorrhage.
Aug. 2	Edith A. Fogerberg,	1	1	1	Cholera infantum.
3	Mrs. Betsey D. Stevens,	77		19	Inflammation of bowels.
5	Sarah P. Weeks,	1	3	21	Cholera infantum.
6	Joseph S. Barden,	77	4	20	Heart failure.
9	William Noonan,	1	3	26	Cholera infantum.
11	Oscar F. Reed,		2	29	" "
14	Alexander R. Armstrong,	43	8		Complication of diseases.
15	Mrs. Phebe J. Sampson,	66			Ovarian cystic tumor.
17	Mrs. Mary McKenney,	51			Heart trouble.
18	Stephen C. Ryder,	75	7	13	Heart failure.
29	Rebecca A. Thomas,	89	7	28	Paralysis.
31	Mrs. Rhoda C. Leonard,	65			Heart disease.
Sept. 4	Joseph P. Canavan,		6		Cholera infantum.
5	Frank B. Wesson,		6	25	" "
6	Elisha T. Benson,	66	5	16	Cholera Morbus.
6	Martha A. Thomasson,		7		Cholera infantum.
7	Henry A. Simmons,	68	4	13	Chronic cystitis.
9	Mrs. Caroline B. Thomas,	84	7	14	Bronchitis.
10	James W. Hurley,		4	17	Cholera infantum.
10	Simeon C. Keith,	39	1	25	Consumption.
12	Nancy A. Bryant,		3	9	
7	Joseph Coreia,	81	2	3	Consumption.
15	Calvin M. Gammons,	75	6		Blood poison.
15	Mrs. Mary A. Kenney,	31	7		Apoplexy.
18	Elena C. Brown,		10		Cholera infantum.
20	Alpheus K. Bishop,	78	11	23	Heart trouble.
Oct. 2	Ezekiel C. Bonney,	64	10	24	Paralysis.
4	Paul Short,	37			Heart disease.
15	Seth Deane,	70	1	18	Typhoid fever.
17	James J. McCormick,	63	4	20	Heart failure.
18	Mrs. Abbie H. Bassett,	31	1	29	Neuralgia.
9	Sylvanus R. Farrington,		2	7	Marasmus.
Nov. 10	Carrie E. Tribou,	8	7	27	Diphtheria.
12	Alfred C. D. Conant,		2		Marasmus.
17	Mrs. Deborah B. Tinkham,	83	10	8	Shock.
17	Azel T. Eaton,		6	10	Marasmus.
19	George Herman,	78	9		Brain trouble.
21	Mrs. Clarinda Fuller,	87	2		Apoplexy.
20	Solomon L. Harlow,	82	10	20	Cystitis.
25	Arnold A. Leach,	75	11	4	Sarcoma and old age.
Dec. 4	Mrs. Polly Ellis,	80		20	Heart disease.
11	Nathaniel M. Sampson,	56		24	Capillary bronchitis.
13	Avery L. Clark,	68	2	7	Stricture of œsophagus.
21	Henry A. Sherman,	63	11	11	Heart failure.
22	Emerson P. Morse,	68	2		Asthma.
23	Nathaniel L. Barrows,	70	10	23	Skin cancer.
28	— Richard,				Imperfect development.
29	Lewis Pratt,	5	2	15	Brain fever.

SUMMARY.

The following are the statistics of Marriages, Births, and Deaths, registered in Middleborough for the year 1890 :

MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages registered,				67
Oldest groom,	58	Oldest bride,		41
Youngest groom,	19	Youngest bride,		16
First marriage of 116 persons.		54 males,	62 females.	
Second “ 17 “		13 “ 4 “		
Third “ 1 “			1 “	
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	134		67 couples.	

BIRTHS.

Number of births registered,				107
Males,	47	Females,		60

DEATHS.

Number of deaths registered,				103
Males,	57	Females,		46

AGES.

Stillborn,	4	Under one year,		17
Between 1 and 5 years,	4	Between 5 and 10 years,		4
“ 10 “ 20 “	2	“ 20 “ 30 “		4
“ 30 “ 40 “	8	“ 40 “ 50 “		4
“ 50 “ 60 “	6	“ 60 “ 70 “		15
“ 70 “ 80 “	17	“ 80 “ 90 “		17
“ 90 “ 100 “	1			

DOGS.

Whole number of dogs licensed in 1890,				466
Males,	439	Females,		27

C. T. THATCHER,

Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF
MIDDLEBOROUGH,
FOR THE
YEAR 1890.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.:
MIDDLEBOROUGH GAZETTE BOOK AND JOB OFFICE
1891.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Term Expires 1891.

GEORGE L. ELLIS,

JAMES H. WESTON.

Term Expires 1892.

JOHN C. SULLIVAN,

AUGUSTUS H. SOULE.

Term Expires 1893.

AUGUSTUS PRATT,

ADELINE V. WOOD.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

GEORGE L. ELLIS, Chairman.

EDWARD P. FITTS, Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

EDWARD P. FITTS.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On Teachers : Messrs. ELLIS and SULLIVAN, and Mrs. WOOD.

On Supplies : Messrs. ELLIS, WESTON and SULLIVAN.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

Schools Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, SUPERINTENDENT.

Schools Nos. 3, 4, 6, ADELINE V. WOOD.

Schools Nos. 8, 16, and School Street, G. L. ELLIS.

Schools Nos. 20, 21, 22, AUGUSTUS PRATT.

School No. 2, AUGUSTUS H. SOULE.

Schools Nos. 14, 19, and Union Street, J. H. WESTON.

High School, J. C. SULLIVAN.

Office of Superintendent of Schools in the Town House.

Office Hours every school day from 8 to 9 A. M.

Report of the School Committee.

To the Citizens of Middleborough:

The following Financial Report, together with that of the Superintendent, is respectfully submitted by your Committee :

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

B. F. Baker, labor and stock at School street,	\$1.55
F. A. Orcutt, repairs, .....	.50
T. B. West & Co., teaming,	1.00
F. A. Nants, cash advanced,	1.85
Isa L. Deane, cash advanced for cleaning, No. 10, .....	.50
A. P. Vaughan, stock and labor,	3.20
Middleborough Gas & Electric Light Co., gas,	1.50
S. L. Washburn, labor and stock at High school,	75.15
J. C. Sullivan, legal services,	5.00
Cornelius Dorrigan, labor at High school,	2.00
James M. Coombs, school reports,	15.00
Middleborough Gas & Electric Light Co., gas,	1.00
Cornelius Dorrigan, labor at High school,	3.00
Middleborough Gas & Electric Light Co., gas,	1.50
J. H. Weston, labor and stock,	23.13
Lloyd Perkins, 2d, labor and stock,	1.25
George Hall, labor,	2.00
Edward E. Sisson, labor, No. 10, .....	.50
Thomas P. Messer, labor, No. 16, .....	.50
Middleborough Gas & Electric Light Co., gas,	1.00
“ “ “ “ “ “ .....	.50
Charles P. Pittsley, labor, No. 4,	1.00
James H. Weston, labor and stock,	17.77
G. E. Parker, labor moving ashes,	2.50
William R. Whitcomb, moving ashes,	2.00
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber, Purchase,	6.21

J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber, Fall Brook,	3.89
Roland Bunker, labor, Nos. 20 and 21,	2.75
James H. Weston, labor at Purchase,	3.00
C. N. Atwood, boards, Rock,	18.70
T. P. Carleton, labor and stock, Rock,	10.70
B. F. Baker, painting,	12.00
C. M. Wilber, labor and stock, Highland,	4.20
C. A. Wood, inscribing diplomas,	3.00
Thomas G. Ford, labor and stock,	5.50
Mrs. W. H. Goodwin, labor, No. 19,	3.00
M. O. Rounseville, labor,	2.25
H. A. Sparrow, painting, No. 19,	20.00
McClintock & Woodfall, heating and ventilating,	387.20
Middleborough Gas & Electric Light Co., gas, .....	.50
James F. Dowsing, repairing desks,	1.50
Jones Bros., curtains,	13.30
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber,	11.78
M. O. Rounseville, labor and stock,	87.67
N. M. Morse, cash advanced, .....	.50
A. J. Wood, labor and stock, No. 6,	3.05
Josiah H. Thomas, labor, No. 8,	1.50
G. E. Parker, labor,	1.65
Mrs. S. L. Pratt, labor, No. 3,	2.00
McClintock & Woodfall, heating and ventilating,	580.80
E. H. Shaw, labor on school-yard No. 11,	2.00
J. W. Flansburg, repairing chimney, No. 12,	4.00
J. H. Weston, labor,	4.95
F. A. Nants, cash advanced,	2.00
Shiverick & Thomas, concreting,	425.75
McClintock & Woodfall, furnaces,	297.00
Total,	\$2,087.25

TRANSPORTATION TO HIGH SCHOOL.

Mattie Carter,	\$5.20
Rena Dunham,	15.65
Jennie Gammons,	13.94
H. H. Ryder,	10.58

Olive A. Smith,	15.65
Annie M. Reed,	13.13
Chester E. Smith,	11.71
Arthur L. Aldrich,	4.50
Etta Atwood,	13.94
Clifford T. Cornish,	7.87
Nellie F. Wood,	1.93
Estella S. Barber,	17.36
Laura Atwood,	17.36
Arthur R. Coffin,	6.90
H. L. Cushman,	17.36
Emily Fuller,	22.86
M. Ellie Miller,	9.40
Walter L. Morse,	9.25
Linnie M. Pratt,	3.70
Alma J. Ryder,	10.58
Katie Ryder,	22.86
Bessie A. Thompson,	18.20
Rosa L. Allen,	6.25
Cora T. Cushman,	6 78
Bessie B. Gibbs,	2.78
Helen S. Maxim,	6.78
Ethel G. Nichols,	1.83
Stella F. Thomas,	8.92
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Total,	\$303.27

EXPENSES FOR INSTRUCTION, FUEL, AND CARE OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

School No. 2, Waterville,	\$293.00
“ 3, Green,	320.30
“ 4, Nemasket,	313.08
“ 6, Thompsonville,	302.20
“ 8, Thomastown,	288.95
“ 10, South Middleborough,	282.88
“ 12, Highland,	296.20
“ 13, Rock,	305.29
“ 14, Fall Brook,	334.40

School No. 16, Wappanucket,	295.91
“ 19, Purchase,	322.70
“ 20, Plymouth street,	297.65
“ 21, Pleasant street,	347.85
“ 18, (including one-half fuel and proportion of janitor's salary in High school building,)	4,304.79
High school,	2,556.60
Tuition to Carver, to March 1, 1890,	23.98
Total,	<u>\$10,885.78</u>

Paid for transportation from No. 22 to No. 21,	\$192.75
“ “ from No. 1 to No. 2,	134.00
“ “ to No. 6,	15.60
“ “ from No. 11 to No. 10,	103.50
“ “ from No. 17 to No. 16,	175.00
“ “ to No. 8,	70.00
Total,	<u>\$690.85</u>

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

A. W. Thompson,	\$7.92
George H. Barton,	10.50
John B. Allen,	1.72
E. O. Drew,	3.00
Jennie F. Sherman,	7.00
George F. King & Merrill,	11.67
The Prang Educational Co.,	6.88
Interstate Publishing Co.,	5.21
A. C. Boyden,	2.00
Paul A. Garey & Co.,	2.50
A. C. Stockin,	2.35
Cassell Publishing Co., .....	.96
Estes & Lauriat,	12.92
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.,	6.30
Charles H. Kilborn,	10.00
J. & G. E. Doane,	74.71
John Shaw,	5.11

Carroll W. Clark,	9.72
George S. Perry,	23.37
D. C. Heath & Co.,	24.34
The Educational Supply Co.,	3.44
Jones Bros.,	83.40
The Thorp & Adams Mfg. Co.,	11.20
William F. Dean,	16.00
M. M. Copeland,	3.00
William E. Bump,	4.00
Effingham, Maynard & Co.,	1.42
J. A. Swasey,	5.07
Ginn & Co.,	84.75
Lee & Shepard,	2.14
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	15.00
Thomas W. Pierce,	23.21
Harrison Hume,	10.00
Carl Schoenhof,	19.94
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	22.01
Boston School Supply,	89.06
Harper & Bros., .....	.38
H. L. Thatcher & Co.,	22.20
J. L. Hammett,	27.23
The American Book Co.,	111.37
J. B. Lippincott Co.,	58.32
L. P. Thatcher,	32.00
E. H. Blake,	1.15
Total,	<hr/> \$874.47

SUMMARY.

Balance from 1889,	\$1,204.92
General appropriation,	10,500.00
Appropriation for incidentals,	2,000.00
Appropriation for text-books and supplies,	1,000.00
Received from the State,,	184.90
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	\$14,889.82

Expended for instruction, fuel, and care of school-	
houses,	\$10,885.78
Expended for incidentals,	2,087.25
“ transportation to High school,	303.27
“ other transportation,	690.85
“ text-books and supplies,	874.47
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Balance undrawn,	\$48.20

We submit the following as the sums necessary to meet the expenses of the schools for the coming year :

General appropriation,	\$11,500
Incidental expenses,	2,000
Text-books and supplies,	1,000
Superintendent's salary,	1,200

Having approved the following report of the Superintendent, we respectfully ask your attention to the same.

GEORGE E. ELLIS,
 JAMES H. WESTON,
 JOHN C. SULLIVAN,
 AUGUSTUS H. SOULE,
 ADELINE-V. WOOD,
 AUGUSTUS PRATT,
School Committee.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

To the School Committee of the Town of Middleborough:

Were it for your perusal alone that these pages are prepared, the matter of making an annual report would be greatly simplified; but when it is considered that the facts and suggestions which you require may have been often repeated during the year, and that the general public are also to get their information in regard to the condition of the schools, the work becomes much more complicated. At the risk, then, of repeating, and with an earnest desire to place before all the citizens a concise statement of what the schools have done, and what it is hoped to do, I have the pleasure of presenting my annual report. No one knows better than I do how much there is which can never be written, but must be seen to be appreciated.

STATISTICS.

Number of children between 5 and 15, May 1, 1890, 914
 Number between 8 and 14, 622

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	May	June	*Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Whole number belonging, . .	821	820	792	843	839	651	821	850	840
Average attendance,	626	707	656	749	743	576	712	748	744
Tardiness,	164	167	222	219	226	149	161	176	223
Dismissals,	137	171	162	241	180	108	177	198	194
Truants,	0	3	0	10	6	5	2	0	3
Visits,	68	116	204	137	246	115	162	181	205

*Three schools not reporting.

The following are the names of pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy for the entire year.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Gussie Thomas.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Mattie Bennett,	George Bourne,
Emma Eaton,	May Shaw,
Etta Cushing,	Harry Marshall,
Harry Swift,	Bertie Tripp,
Jesse Wilbur,	Charles Bourne,
Clarence Lucas,	Eddie Rudolph,
Fred. Thomas,	Winnie Wilbur,
John Belden,	Lennie Gurney,
Jessie Coombs,	Charles Fitts,
Gertie Mitchell.	

PRIMARY.

Wendell Harlow.

GREEN.

Bertha Pratt,	Allabranto Pratt.
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THOMPSONVILLE.

Laura Deane.

HIGHLAND.

Lettie Shurtleff.

PLEASANT STREET.

Bessie Dunham.

Whole number of schools,	23
Whole number of teachers,	25
Number of different teachers during the year,	35
Whole number of different pupils enrolled,	978
Number of boys enrolled,	461

Number of girls enrolled,	517
Number of pupils in the High school at the close of the year,	77
Number of pupils in the village schools,.....	444
Number of pupils in the schools outside the village,.....	319

REMARKS.

By comparing these statistics with those of last year we find the number of children between the ages of 5 and 15, as reported by the census-taker, 28 more than last year, and between the ages of 8 and 14, the compulsory school age, the number has increased 68. It is due to this large increase in the number of those who are of school age that our schools are so full. It is a common remark made by those who visit our schools that there is a marked absence of those beyond the compulsory school age, especially among the boys. We are not willing to admit that the school has lost any of its drawing power, but the insatiable thirst for gold, and the ease with which remunerative labor is obtained by the boys at a much earlier age than formerly, has a stronger attraction than the not so clearly manifest gain of a good education. We are confident, also, that the average boy of fourteen who has faithfully followed the course of our schools is better prepared for life's duties, so far as his mental training is concerned, than formerly at a much more advanced age. Just as it is an admitted fact that a boy who has fitted for college in our best high schools or preparatory schools, has a better education than the college graduate of former years. We deprecate, however, leaving school as soon as one has passed the age which the law compels one to attend. This must be done in some cases, as we have been painfully reminded again and again during the past year. We have also been delighted to see the return of some as soon as circumstances would admit of further study. Never have we had a more faithful, earnest corps of teachers than during the past year, and it gives me great pleasure to testify to this fact. Could those

who stay away for the most frivolous reasons understand now what they are losing, our schools would be more pressed for room than at present.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

I desire at this time to call your special attention to our school accommodations.

Our High school has good accommodations for present needs. The room in the High school building which fits for the High school was originally intended for forty-eight pupils. By crowding seats into every available place, sittings have been provided for sixty pupils, and that number are enrolled. It is manifestly not right to crowd so many pupils into so small a space, either for the health of the children or the labor of the teacher. The next lower room has sittings for forty-nine pupils, and has that number enrolled; the next lower room has sittings for forty-eight, and has fifty enrolled; the next room has sittings for forty-nine, and has that number enrolled. By resorting to all sorts of expedients, such as seating pupils at tables and in the seats of absent ones, we may do good work for the remainder of this school year, should there be no great increase of pupils in these grades. The fact is, at present, that not a week passes without new applicants. Expecting, then, further increase in the future, I desire to place the problem before you now, that you may be ready for whatever may come. In only one of these rooms, as you well know, are seated two grades, the eighth and ninth. These grades are evenly divided now, with thirty in each. Should all pass from the ninth grade to the High school, or finish their course in the public school next June, there would still remain about thirty to be seated in that room. Following our ordinary method of promotion, there will be about forty-nine more pupils to be seated, which upon the face of it is an impossibility,—to get seventy-nine pupils

into sixty seats. My suggestion is this, that we make a change in our promotions for the coming year, and promote teachers and pupils alike one grade, with the exception of the first and ninth, which will remain the same. The need of some such arrangement will be further apparent when we consider that in the fourth grade, which is now in the upper room at School street, there is an enrollment of seventy, while the room in the High school building, which has heretofore received them, has sittings for only forty-nine. The rooms occupied by the Primary schools are practically full, with the exception of the lowest Primary. My proposition for this school is that all new children who enter at the beginning of the spring and fall terms coming, should be taken into the room on the lower floor of Union Street, as is our custom, and if the number demands it, reseat the recitation room in the rear of this room for the overflow. By this arrangement it would seem that there would be a small ninth grade; but following the policy of previous years of admitting pupils to the ninth grade from the schools outside the village, we have eight more to provide for from these schools. Taking those who may receive a double promotion, those who will require more time to fit for the High school than they will get this year, and the additions which we may expect from new residents in town, I have no fear that we shall find enough for any master to do to fit his pupils well for the High school. Lest any one might not appreciate the advantage which it is to the schools at Fall Brook and Purchase, from which schools the eight pupils previously mentioned may be expected to come, I wish to say that at Fall Brook there will then be left six or seven different grades, as new children may or may not enter next fall, and at Purchase five or six. Both of these schools have a large number of pupils besides those who are now in the eighth grade, and the advantages of reducing the number of grades in these schools, both for those

who remain and for those who are taken, are so apparent that the simple mention of the conditions seems sufficient. After all that has been said, this proposition seems to be only meeting a temporary need. There are pupils enough now in the fourth grade in the School Street building to make two good schools. We can get along by employing an assistant who will take the pupils into the cramped quarters of the recitation room, but it would seem that at no distant day the recitation room should be enlarged to the size of the room below. This could be done at small expense, as I have been informed by the committee who had charge of the framing of that part of the building that it was the original intention of making it two stories, and framed accordingly. The system of heating and ventilating such a room seems to be adequate with the apparatus which will be described later in the report. Another plan, and perhaps more far-sighted, would be to take immediate steps to secure a lot for a new building to be used for the High school alone, and devote the whole of the present High school building to Grammar schools.

HEALTH.

La grippe and measles have interfered with the work of the schools, so that our attendance has not been so good for many months of this year as in the previous year. Death has also removed some of our brightest and best, whose faces we continually miss, and we are constantly asking the question, Are we in any way responsible? While we are anxious to do all we can to keep the body in good repair, and not to overtax the brain, we have no control of the preparation of the food which the children eat, of the hours which they keep for sleep, of their exercise out of school hours, or of their naturally weak constitutions. For help in these particulars we must look to the homes. Given strong, vigorous children, well fed and properly clothed, we cannot but produce sound minds in sound bodies.

When the new High school building was erected, care was taken to have fresh air for the pupils to breathe while in the school-room. When the State inspector came to examine the building this year he pronounced the system of ventilation correct in principle but lacking in quantity of air produced. The School Street and Union Street buildings he condemned, and gave notice that they should be put in better condition. So great was the expense of meeting the requirements of the law that the inspector insisted upon the work being done only on the School Street building this year, as more children attended that building and was consequently in greater need. So seriously has the work upon the building interfered with the work of the schools that it seems only just that the citizens of the town should know to what annoyances and delays the committee have been subjected. The State Inspector visited Middleborough in the early part of the year, made his examinations and gave his formal notice. To comply with the letter of the law would cause great inconvenience, and an extension of the time for making the repairs was asked and granted until the long vacation in the summer. Having settled upon the time for doing the work, the great question was what was wanted. The law requires that the work when done should be satisfactory to the inspector. What would be satisfactory? This it was impossible to know until long delay and finally a list of parties doing such work of heating and ventilation was sent to the committee by the inspector. With the vacation nearly gone one of these parties, whose bid was cheapest for doing satisfactory work, was selected with the understanding that the work should be carried so far that it should not interfere with the schools when it should be time for them to begin. That the committee have been to large expense, even with the cheapest method proposed as satisfactory, the financial report will testify. That the special committee having charge of business,

Messrs. Ellis and Sullivan, have been subjected to annoyances and much extra labor to accomplish the work, all ought to know and appreciate.

The method of heating and ventilating may be briefly described as follows: Fresh air is introduced into a large chamber built in the cellar. From this chamber are two openings, one large and the other small. Through the large opening air is admitted to the furnace, is heated and passes to the several rooms entering about eight feet from the floor. Through the small opening air may pass directly to the rooms through the same duct that brings heated air from the furnace, provided a valve is opened which is regulated by the teacher in her room. Should partly heated and partly cold air be wanted the valve is opened half way, and by closing the valve only heated air is admitted to the room. Through an opening in the walls of the school-rooms, close to the floor, the impure air is carried into an enclosed chamber in the attic. To produce a current upward, coils of steam pipe are arranged in this chamber and connected with the furnace. From this chamber there is direct connection with the ventilator, which is seen upon the roof. On the first of November the civil engineers having the work in charge made a report of their inspection after completing the work of connecting their apparatus to the furnace which was in the building before they commenced work upon it. The outside air was clear and cool with a westerly breeze. Tests for the amount of air passing in and out of the room were made at the registers. The volume of air per minute was based upon the number of seats in the room. The lower easterly room at the outlet of the register gave thirty and six-tenths cubic feet of air, and at the inlet register thirty-two and six-tenths cubic feet of air per minute per pupil. The lower westerly room gave thirty and nine-tenths at the vent and forty-two cubic feet per pupil at the heat inlet. The second floor school-room on the

basis of seventy-two seats gave thirty and two-tenths cubic feet at the vent register per minute per pupil. These results were reported by the engineers as very satisfactory and were thought to be sufficient guarantee that the rooms could be properly heated and ventilated at all times. As soon, however, as the colder weather came the furnace did not prove adequate to heat so large a volume of air as the engineers feared before beginning the work. This necessitated putting in a smaller furnace and connecting it with the apparatus previously put in. This is intended to be used only in the coldest weather and is so arranged that it can be used with the larger furnace or entirely disconnected. One has only to enter the room at any time during the session of the school to notice the change in the atmosphere since the new system of ventilation has been introduced and we have now no fear of being unable to produce heat enough to meet the demands of the coldest season.

Much needed light has been introduced into the First Primary room by placing two windows, one upon each side of the room, above the blackboard. We trust by this means the fear that the children will become near-sighted from lack of light will be removed. The sanitary arrangements have been greatly improved and no pains have been spared to put the building and its surroundings into the most perfect condition for the health of the children.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS.

The building at Thomastown has been painted this year, so that most of our buildings present a neat and tidy appearance upon the outside. A new fence has been placed about the Rock school-yard giving it a much neater appearance and removing a just complaint from those whose land bordered upon the yard. The building at Purchade has been thoroughly renovated within on the walls, but there is still need

of suitable seats for the little ones. Crickets keep their feet from dangling, but the desks are too high and not at all suited for their work in writing and drawing.

There are many children, and older ones, who will also remember this year with gratitude for the concrete which has been placed about the High School and Union Street buildings.

FLAGS.

Two of our school buildings are graced with the stars and stripes during the school sessions. By the courtesy of the E. W. Pierce Post, G. A. R., a flag was presented to the High School building on Decoration Day with appropriate exercises. By the kindness and interest of friends of the Pleasant Street school in North Middleborough a flag has been procured for that school.

We trust that the hundreds of children who pass daily under their folds will remember what it cost the veterans to keep the flag "with not a stripe erased or polluted, not a star obscured," but having that sentiment dear to every American heart, "Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable."

Thousands have died for it, millions defend it,
Emblem of justice and mercy to all.

TEACHERS.

We have lost from our corps of teachers during the past year Mr. A. K. Potter and Miss Sadie M. Lake from the High School; Misses Holmes and Small from the Second Primary; Misses Hart and Leonard from Fall Brook; Miss Pattangall from Thompsonville; Miss Florence Deane from Thomastown; Miss Isa Deane from South Middleborough, and Miss Shaw from Wappanuck.

The new teachers who are now serving the schools are: Mr. Walter Sampson, Misses Etta L. Chapman, M. Evelyn

Holloway, Jenny M. Clark, Sadie O. Morse, Helen G. Cutter, Myra Coffin and A. Belle Tenney.

While we have lost more teachers than in the year previous the changes have affected fewer schools and consequently have interfered less with the work of the year. More than half of those who have left us during the year have received greater inducements to go elsewhere, and such as prevented our retaining their services longer. While so many of our schools are away from the centers of busy life, we cannot expect to retain the services of first class teachers for long periods. We congratulate ourselves upon the success which has attended the securing of so many excellent teachers to take the schools thus left vacant. So far as my observation goes the schools in town now are as well and in many cases better supplied than in any previous period of my connection with the schools. In most cases change of teachers is to be deplored. Methods of discipline and teaching are so different, dispositions of pupils and the thread of the school work so hard to learn that much valuable time is lost in the breaks which so often occur. This is one reason why our schools are in many cases better served by the graduates of our High School who have trained for our work with our teachers. Being familiar with our methods from actually seeing them in progress, they know just what is expected from the first day. I hope soon to have the pleasure of commending to your consideration eight new candidates, now in process of training, who expect to be ready for work at the opening of another school year. We are confident that from the experience of the teachers in fitting others and from the marked ability of the candidates themselves they will prove an addition to our teaching force should their services be needed.

READING AND LANGUAGE.

I wish to make special mention of these branches in our course for the reason that we have been using various methods to find out what is the best method to teach these subjects. Having begun with one school a year ago last September to try the sentence method of teaching reading, we were so well pleased with its working that it was little by little extended into the other schools, until at the beginning of this school year in September we adopted it in all the schools where there were new pupils just entering school for the first time. Our primary teachers have shown commendable interest and enthusiasm in the matter, having visited the schools in Chelsea, the reputation of which for reading is deservedly popular. We have also to thank you especially for furnishing us with new books suitable for beginning this work throughout the town, and we are sure that anyone would be well repaid for a visit to our primary schools to see the enthusiasm of the pupils, and the naturalness with which they express the thought which they have obtained before they attempt any expression.

We have not given up the phonic drill. We still consider it necessary to the pupil for the purpose of helping himself in finding out new words where there is no teacher to help. We cannot see the great improvement in the higher grades which is so manifest with beginners, but good work is being done. Before the child is old enough to use the dictionary the new words are first picked out and written upon the blackboard by the teacher, followed by the class, and a running conversation is kept up on the subject matter that is being read to make the scene real to the child, so that when he comes to read for himself he has not to guess at the meaning or stumble over new words. We could use more dictionaries in the higher grades if we had them, but our supply at present is sufficient for one at nearly every desk.

Feeling the need of more drill in reading in the High School, Miss Chapman has agreed to give special drill to the two lower classes. This has not been one of the required studies, but if it meet your approval so far as to give each class one or two lessons each week we would like to see if it will not produce more intelligent reading of examples in arithmetic, pages of history, as well as aid in every department of the High school work. Much attention is being paid to reading in the High schools of the State, and we would like to see improvement in Middleborough. We have tried to accomplish all that we could in the Grammar schools, but we find much remains to be done.

No change has been made in the lower grades in the teaching of language from that which has been pursued during the previous year. I wish to call special attention to the advance which has been made in this branch, beginning with the fifth grade. Two years ago our work consisted, so far as the course of study required, in continuing the work of the preceding years, with letters and composition exercises frequently and reproduction and memory exercises. While this work was exceedingly valuable and helpful there was not the definiteness about it and the steady advance from one step to another which the best study of the subject required. When the Second Book in Practical Lessons in the use of English was introduced there was a natural advance from the work of the third and fourth years which gave much variety and added interest to the work in the fifth grade. As was anticipated, too much work was laid out in this book for the fifth year and it has been taken up this year for the first time in the sixth grade with very satisfactory results.

Letter writing and composition exercises have not been omitted, neither have the reproduction and composition exercises, but along with them has been taken enough of technical grammar to be of great assistance in the work in hand and also to lay a good foundation for the more advanced work

when technical grammar shall be taken as a regular study. There is now one missing link in the seventh grade which seems unfortunate, and I think could be remedied by supplying the next higher book in the series now in use, and would in a measure give those scholars who leave school at the end of the seventh year a good understanding of the principles of the English language, and ability to use it with a good degree of accuracy.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The number attending the High School has not been large during the whole year. The whole number belonging at the beginning of the year was 91. This number was reduced to 84 at the close of the Spring term. The resignation of two of the teachers during the Summer and the consequent uncertainty regarding the character of the school during the coming year under new teachers led many to leave, so that the school began in the Fall with the same number as at the close of the Spring term. While there has been a good deal of faithful work done in the High School during the past few years, it can with truth be said that never was better work being done than at present. The teachers have set for themselves a high standard and are bringing the school up to it. The discipline of the school is good, attention to the work in hand is very marked in every room, and there is a disposition on the part of the pupils to improve the extraordinary privileges which are now theirs. While wishing to draw no distinctions, there are certain features in the work which seem to me to have made such decided advance as to be worthy of special mention. In nothing is the close connection between the High School studies and those of the lower grades so marked as in the arithmetic and language. While with one or two exceptions every subject in arithmetic is taught in the grammar grades, the ability to grasp with any degree of fullness does not come until the pupils arrive at the age of

High-School scholars. Much attention has been paid this term to the explanation of the problems, each pupil being required to stand before the class and give reasons for every step in the process. This has done away with the mere working for answers and has removed in a measure the temptation to secure an answer from another; it has been the means of improving the ability to reason and the accuracy of the work has been easily tested in the class by individual work. This analytical method of work for pupils of this age seems to me to be invaluable, and while it has not yet produced perfection we believe that what has been gone over has been understood. In the English-grammar work there has not been that close connection with the work in the lower grades which there ought to be. The work this term has been in the care of a new teacher and the feeling of previous years has been strengthened that the definitions and statements of the work required are so different from what the pupils have been accustomed to that they are confusing and misleading and lead to a distaste of the whole subject. A different plan will be presented for your consideration before the beginning of the next year.

Your wisdom in making a change in the work in rhetoric is very apparent. From being a dry and uninteresting subject much interest has been developed. The pupils have made for themselves selections illustrating the various subjects studied and have arranged them in exceedingly neat and artistic forms. In literature much is being done with the author's books themselves and not studying about them. Particular attention is being paid to American literature and the impression is being made that we have authors at home worthy of study as well as abroad. On a recent visit I found sixteen copies of Cooper's works in the hands of the pupils, kindly loaned by the Public Library, and the recitation showed evidently that the books had been read and the pupils

knew what was written therein. The declamations by sections of the school on every Friday afternoon during the term have attracted a good many visitors and have been of great help to the pupils, as great care has been taken in drilling them for every effort. I know it would be an innovation upon the custom which has prevailed for several years, but there seems to be a very manifest desire on the part of the patrons of the school to see some of its work and it seems to me something of this kind at the close of the year would be eminently appropriate and need not detract from the regular work of the school if pieces should be repeated which have been especially well rendered in the school-room. If such an exercise should be used at graduation there certainly could not be greater expense connected with it than has been of late and would seem to be a satisfactory ending of the school work.

The work in music has been especially gratifying. The study has been taken up from the beginning so that those coming from any school where the teaching had been deficient could begin anew and master each new step as it was developed. With excellent musical accompaniment there is no reason to fear that the musical talent for which Middleborough is so justly famous will be lacking in the years to come.

In drawing no effort is being made to make pretty pictures but there is a thorough training in the principles which underlie good work in this branch of study.

It is the determined purpose of the principal and his assistants to raise the standard of the school. To this end the marking has been rigid, and deportment as well as scholarship determines a pupil's standing in the school. Many are not successful in accomplishing the work required the first time they go over it. We believe this number might be greatly reduced if the pupils would place school work first and spend some time out of school hours in preparation. This is done by many of the best scholars, those who need it

least. It is true also that some pupils are admitted to the school who are not thoroughly prepared; this arises in the village schools from a lack of room in the lower grades to retain them, and in the outside schools from change of teachers, and many subjects which the teachers are obliged to teach.

Twelve pupils were graduated in June and received diplomas based upon their standing in the class :

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Isabella Frances Paun,	William Lester Phinney,
Jennie Gammons,	Harland Holmes Ryder,
E. T. Pierce Jenks.	

ENGLISH AND CLASSICAL COURSE.

Ebenezer Hamilton Shaw.

ENGLISH COURSE.

Myra King Leonard,	Erna May Leach,
Annie Louise Denham,	Agnes Belle Tenney,
Florence May Dunham,	Ernest Elmore Coombs.

MUSIC.

With no special teacher of music the results we are securing are especially gratifying. We believe this is due largely to the care which is taken by the committee in selecting such teachers as have musical ability to teach the subject themselves and, where this is lacking, in placing a teacher in charge of this subject in several rooms. This is done by exchanging work, and as is done by Miss Thomas in the grammar schools, the results of her work, term after term, are becoming more and more satisfactory. In the absence of any printed schedule, I should like to suggest the following course for trial in our schools: During the first year take up the first six pages on the chart. The second year review these and take ten more. The third year confine the techni-

cal work especially to the key of G, and sing as rote songs the remainder of the first book now in use. In the fourth year take up the Second Music Reader through the key of C. Finish the sharp keys in the fifth grade and the flats in the sixth. Take and complete the Third Music Reader in the remainder of the grammar-school course. We are able to judge now from our experience how much work each grade can accomplish, where there is one grade in each school, and we believe more definite and better work will be done by assigning some given portion for each grade and leaving the teachers at liberty to select such rote songs as they may wish from any suitable source at their command.

CONCLUSION.

It is my earnest conviction that we never closed a school year with more success than has attended the present year. I have again to record, with great pleasure, the very pleasant relations which have existed between pupils, teachers and myself, and the heartiness with which every new suggestion toward improvement has been taken up. I have also to extend to you my own appreciation and the oft-repeated expressions of the teachers for your helpful cooperation in furnishing the means by which alone good work can be done.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. FITTS,

Superintendent.

MIDDLEBORO, Dec. 31, 1890.

APPENDIX.

Number of Schools.	Term.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. Belonging.	Average Membership	Average Attendance.
2	1	Lizzie H. Drew	26	19	14
	2	" "	29	27	24
	3	" "	30	21	18
3	1	Mary E. Deane	27	24	21
	2	" "	35	33	31
	3	" "	36	32	29
4	1	Nellie M. Bennett	31	29	26
	2	" "	29	28	25
	3	" "	32	28	25
6	1	Susan M. Pattangall	16	14	12
	2	" "	25	15	14
	3	Jenny M. Clark	25	13	12
8	1	Florence Deane	23	20	17
	2	" "	24	20	16
	3	Sadie O. Morse	28	22	19
10	1	Isa L. Deane	18	17	15
	2	" "	20	19	17
	3	Helen G. Cutter	20	17	15
12	1	Mary W. Wentworth	18	17	13
	2	" "	15	15	14
	3	" "	16	11	10
13	1	Nannie M. Morse	38	35	27
	2	" "	40	38	36
	3	" "	34	33	32
14	1	{ Estelle M. Small	30	28	23
	2	{ Annie C. Hart	33	29	26
	3	H. Lizzie Leonard	32	27	23
16	1	Myra Coffin	15	14	13
	2	" "	15	13	13
	3	{ " "	16	13	13
19	1	{ A. Belle Tenney	34	28	23
	2	Lucia A. Drake	34	31	27
	3	" "	36	30	26
20	1	Clara W. Eaton	18	15	12
	2	" "	19	16	14
	3	" "	18	16	15
21	1	Mary A. Livingstone	27	23	20
	2	" "	26	25	24
	3	" "	30	24	21

Number of Schools.	Term.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. Belonging.	Average Membership	Average Attendance.
High School.	Union St.	1 John P. Arnold	48	46	43
		2 " "	48	46	44
		3 " "	63	58	55
		1 Annie A. Lovell	48	44	40
		2 " "	45	42	39
		3 " "	51	47	45
		1 Jennie Bennett	45	43	39
		2 " "	45	44	42
		3 " "	51	46	44
		1 Nellie F. Thomas	48	47	43
		2 " "	51	49	47
		3 " "	52	48	45
	School Street.	1 Mary E. Frink	55	53	46
		2 " "	51	59	47
		3 " "	71	65	60
		1 Helen A. Nevers	52	49	42
		2 " "	52	50	45
		3 " "	51	47	44
		1 { Gertrude Holmes	46	40	33
		2 { Estelle M. Small			
		3 " "	50	49	42
		1 M. Evelyn Holloway	51	46	42
		2 Lillie H. Thornton	53	44	38
		3 " "	50	48	43
	In H. S. Building.	1 Carrie E. Alden	51	44	40
		2 " "	47	33	24
		3 " "	48	47	39
		1 A. K. Potter	34	27	23
		2 " "	92	87	82
		3 " "	85	81	79
		1 Walter Sampson	85	79	77
		2 Zilpha Chace			
		3 " "			
		1 Sadie M. Lake			
		2 " "			
		3 Etta L. Chapman			

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FOR GOVERNOR.

John Q. A. Brackett, of Arlington.....	385
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William H. Haile, of Springfield.....	392
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FOR SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

William M. Olin, of Boston.....	358
Elbridge Cushman, of Lakeville	278
George D. Crittenden, of Buckland.....	60

FOR TREASURER AND RECEIVER-GENERAL.

George A. Marden, of Lowell.....	377
Edwin L. Munn, of Holyoke.....	248
William H. Gleason, of Boston.....	61

FOR AUDITOR.

Charles R. Ladd, of Springfield	299
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Augustus R. Smith, of Lee	70

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Albert E. Pillsbury, of Boston.....	365
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William Rankin, of Brockton.....	377
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TOWN WARRANT.

1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To choose all necessary town officers. The following officers to be voted for all on one ballot, viz.: For one year—one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Collector, three Overseers of the Poor, thirteen Constables, three Fish Wardens, one Auditor, three Fence Viewers; for three years—one Selectman, one Assessor, two members of the School Committee, three Trustees of the Public Library. The polls for the election of these officers will be open at 9 o'clock A. M., and will not be closed before 1 o'clock P. M.
3. To vote by ballot, "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"
4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year, and determine when the same shall be assessed and how appropriated.
5. To vote the pay of the Treasurer and Collector for his services the ensuing year.
6. To see if the town will vote that the yards of persons chosen Field Drivers shall be town pounds as long as they remain in office, provided they shall be chosen Pound Keepers.
7. To see if the town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of their Alms-house, and act anything thereon.
8. To allow accounts against the town, and act thereon.
9. To hear and act on the reports of any officers or committees of the town.
10. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes the present year, and act thereon.
11. To see if the town will pay the expense of a Night Watch in the Four Corners Village, and act thereon.

X 12. To dispose of the money received for "dog licenses," and all other licenses the present year, and act thereon.

X 13. To see if the town will appropriate any money to be expended by Post 8, G. A. R., on Memorial Day, and act thereon.

X 14. To see if the town will appropriate any money for sprinkling streets, and act thereon.

X 15. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as reported by the Selectmen, and act thereon.

X 16. To take action in relation to the taking of fish in the ponds leased by the Fish Commissioners to the towns of Middleborough, Lakeville, Freetown, and Rochester.

X 17. To see if the town will pay their School Committee for their services the ensuing year, and act thereon.

X 18. To see if the town will purchase a stone-crusher, engine and roller, for the use of the highway department, and act thereon. *Carroll*

X 19. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Sections 69, 70, 71, 72 and 73, of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, authorizing towns to choose Overseers of the Poor for the term of three years; and if said provisions are accepted, to see if the town will, at its next annual meeting, and thereafter, choose its Overseers of the Poor in accordance with the provisions of said sections of the Public Statutes.

X 20. To see what action, if any, the town will take upon the petition of citizens of North Middleborough, that suitable lights be furnished and maintained for the purpose of lighting the village streets of said part of the town of Middleborough. [By request.]

X 21. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Section 72 of Chapter 423 of the Acts of 1890, relative to the division of towns into voting precincts; and if said provisions are accepted, to act anything in regard to the division of the town into such precincts. [By request.]

X 22. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be used for the suppression of crime, and act thereon. [By request.]

X 23. To see if the town will vote to reimburse any officers for expenses incurred in the suppression of crime, and act thereon. [By request.]

- X 24. To see if the town will vote to extend its system of sewers, and act thereon. *Corn*
- X 25. To see if the town will authorize a contract with the Fire District, through its Water Commissioners, for a water supply for the town and public purposes, for a term of years, and act thereon.
- X 26. To see what the town will do in relation to lighting its streets after the expiration of the present contract. *Corn to light*
- X 27. To see if the town will consent to altering the limits of the Fire District by annexing territory on the southerly side of the District, as petitioned for by Edward S. Hathaway, S. L. Young, and others, and act thereon.
- X 28. To see if the town will vote to enlarge the stage, and make other alterations in the town hall, or make any addition to the hall, and act thereon. [By request.] *By request*
- X 29. To see if the town will authorize the sale and conveyance of a lot owned by the town, situated on Acorn street, containing about three-fourths of an acre.
- X 30. To see what action the town will take in reference to a claim for damages and injuries sustained by Charles D. Clark on Highland street, on account of alleged defect in the highway.
- X 31. To see what action the town will take in reference to a claim for damages and injuries sustained by Lavinia W. Harlow, by reason of a temporary fence across the way leading to the High school-house.
- X 32. To determine the manner of paying the interest on any sums of money which have been or may be hereafter deposited in the town treasury for the benefit of any cemetery lot, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 82 of the Public Statutes.
- X 33. To see if the town will permit the Church of the Sacred Heart to establish, lay out, and maintain a burial-place for the dead on land recently purchased by said church on Acorn street.
- X 34. To see if the town will appropriate any sum of money for the repair and maintenance of guide-boards.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
MIDDLEBOROUGH,
FOR THE
YEAR 1891.

MIDDLEBOROUGH:
M. M. COPELAND, PRINTER.
1892.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1891.

Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector.

CHARLES T. THATCHER.

Selectmen and Assessors.

JOSEPH E. BEALS,	. . . . .	Term expires 1892.
ALBERT T. SAVERY,	. . . . .	" " 1893.
JARED F. ALDEN,	. . . . .	" " 1894.

Overseers of Poor.

ANDREW C. WOOD, SYLVANUS MENDALL,
CHARLES T. THATCHER.

School Committee.

JOHN C. SULLIVAN,	. . . . .	Term expires 1892.
AUGUSTUS H. SOULE,	. . . . .	" " 1892.
AUGUSTUS PRATT,	. . . . .	" " 1893.
ADELINE V. WOOD,	. . . . .	" " 1893.
ARTHUR B. ALDEN,	. . . . .	" " 1894.
GEORGE E. WOOD,	. . . . .	" " 1894.

Superintendent of Schools.

WILLARD T. LEONARD.

Constables.

LEANDER M. ALDEN,	ALPHONSO BLISS,
EDWARD BRYANT,	BENJAMIN W. BUMP,
SYLVANUS W. BUMP,	WILLISTON B. CHANDLER.
JOHN W. FLANSBURG,	HERBERT I. LEONARD,
EVERETT T. LINCOLN,	SAMUEL S. LOVELL,
SYLVANUS MENDALL,	FRED. C. SPARROW,
CHARLES C. TINKHAM.	

Superintendent of Streets.

WILLIAM B. WOOD.

Registrars of Voters.

CHARLES H. CARPENTER,	. . . . .	Time expires 1892.
NATHAN KING,	. . . . .	" " 1893.
THOMAS C. COLLINS,	. . . . .	" " 1894.
CHARLES T. THATCHER, TOWN CLERK, <i>Ex-officio</i> .		

ASSESSORS' REPORT,

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1891.

Voted by town for support of schools \$11,500 00

School books	1,000 00
Superintendent's salary	1,200 00
Incidental school expenses	2,000 00
School committee	150 00
Support of poor	5,000 00
Support of insane	800 00
Town officers	2,500 00
Incidental expenses	1,000 00
Highway department	14,000 00
Concrete sidewalks	500 00
Lighting streets	3,500 00
Sprinkling streets	300 00
Guide boards	250 00
Water supply by Fire District	1,500 00
Night watch	1,000 00
Military aid	700 00
Soldiers' relief	250 00
G. A. R. for Memorial Day	150 00
Town hall committee	600 00
Town debt	5,000 00
Interest	2,000 00
Board of health	200 00
Suppression of crime	1,000 00
Stone crusher, engine and roller	2,500 00

Sewer	\$25,000 00	
Plymouth & Middleboro Railroad	20,000 00	
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Total appropriations voted		\$103,600 00
Authorized a 30-year Railroad loan for	\$20,000 00	
“ 20-year Sewer loan for	25,000 00	
“ Loan payable Nov. 1, '97	5,000 00	
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Amount of loans authorized		\$50,000 00
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		\$53,600 00
Less corporation and bank taxes (estimated)		6,000 00
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Voted to be assessed by the town		\$47,600 00
State tax assessed by the town		2,415 00
County tax assessed by the town		3,597 78
Non-resident bank tax assessed		137 66
Overlaying		1,712 10
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Total tax assessed		\$55,462 54
Poll taxes assessed	\$3,620 50	
Taxes on personal property	8,871 79	
Taxes on real estate	42,970 25	\$55,462 54
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Number of polls: Male, 1810; female, 1.		
Tax on each poll: male, \$2.00; female, \$.50.		
Valuation of buildings, excluding land		\$1,662,910
Valuation of land, excluding buildings		1,352,425
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Total valuation of real estate		\$3,015,335
Valuation of personal estate		612,840
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Total valuation for 1891		\$3,628,175
Rate of tax per \$1000		\$14 25

Persons, firms, etc., assessed on property—residents	1,316
“ “ “ “ non-residents	281
Persons assessed for poll tax only	831
Total number of persons, firms, etc., assessed .	2,428
Number of horses assessed	932
“ cows	797
“ sheep	56
“ neat cattle, other than cows	243
“ swine	179
“ dwelling houses assessed	1,311
“ acres of land assessed	39,951
Amount of taxes remitted for 1883,	\$2 00
“ “ “ 1886,	10 00
“ “ “ 1887,	51 15
“ “ “ 1888,	134 94
“ “ “ 1889,	152 40
“ “ “ 1890,	82 70
“ “ “ 1891,	78 90
Taxes remitted after being paid for 1890,	3 44
“ “ “ “ 1891,	6 41
Total taxes remitted and refunded	<hr/> \$521 74

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT T. SAVERY,	} Assessors.
JOSEPH E. BEALS,	
JARED F. ALDEN,	

Middleborough, Jan. 1, 1892.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT,

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1891.

Under the several appropriations for carrying out the votes of the town, the Selectmen have drawn orders upon the Town Treasurer for the amounts herein given. The amounts given will not in all cases balance with the amounts paid by the treasurer, as he paid in 1891 some orders drawn in 1890, and other orders drawn in 1891 had not been presented for payment when the books were closed for the year.

TOWN OFFICERS AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Appropriation for town officers and committees	\$2,500 00
“ School committee	150 00
“ Incidentals, etc.	1,000 00
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	\$3,650 00

Orders drawn :

S. Mendall, selectman and assessor, 1891,	\$32 35
“ overseer of poor, 1891,	47 50
“ committee on sewer,	3 75
A. T. Savery, selectman & assessor, 1891,	276 87
“ use of team	130 00
J. E. Beals, selectman and assessor, 1891,	352 50
J. F. Alden “ “ “	307 50
“ use of team	84 25
A. C. Wood, overseer of poor, 1891,	155 50
C. T. Thatcher, “ “ “	36 00
“ treasurer and collector “	550 00

I. F. Atwood, auditor	\$15 00	
Nathan King, moderator	15 00	
" registrar of voters	28 75	
C. T. Thatcher, " "	33 75	
T. C. Collins " "	28 75	
C. H. Carpenter " "	28 75	
Lorenzo Wood, ballot clerk, Nov. 1890	3 00	
J. S. Cuzner, ballot clerk, Nov. 1890, and March, 1891	5 00	
J. K. Bishop, ballot clerk, Nov. 1890, and March, 1891	5 00	
Charles A. Wood, teller, March, 1891	2 50	
George F. Bryant, " " "	2 50	
Clarence L. Hathaway " " "	2 50	
E. P. Fitts, " " "	2 50	
Fred C. Sparrow " " "	2 50	
H. J. Roberts " " "	2 50	
B. F. Johnson, constable at election, March, 1891	2 00	
Dinners for election officers, March, 1891	1 50	
Transportation of Registrars to Precinct 1	6 00	
Election officers and expense, Precinct 1, Nov. 1891	24 50	
Election officers and expense, Precinct 2, Nov. 1891	69 05	
C. T. Thatcher, recording town meetings, administering oaths, etc.	20 70	
C. T. Thatcher, recording births and deaths, 1890	80 35	
George Soule, returning deaths, 1890	22 75	
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		\$2,381 07
Jas. M. Coombs, printing annual reports	\$116 25	
Jas. M. Coombs, new type and material and printing ballots for town election, 1891	52 41	

Jas. M. Coombs, advertising and printing	\$205 95	
M. M. Copeland, " "	108 00	
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing	42 25	
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., blank books	1 75	
John Shaw, stationery, etc.	7 22	
J. E. Beals, cash paid for postage, express freight, telephone, telegraph, etc.	10 90	
J. F. Alden, travelling expenses	2 80	
S. S. Lovell, notifying town officers	10 40	
Mrs. A. M. Wood, copying for assess- ors 1890 and 1891	66 80	
Ira M. Thomas, copying for assessors, 1891	14 00	
J. F. Alden, " " "	14 80	
Ruthie H. Alden " " "	2 80	
George W. Stetson, legal advice	4 00	
Mrs. Isaac Briggs, loss of time and med- ical attendance by reason of accident	125 00	
John S. Benson, for public pump	19 50	
Thomas W. Pierce, care and repairs for watering troughs and water cranes	19 67	
Miscellaneous and office expenses paid by town clerk and treasurer	48 35	
		<hr/> \$872 85

Appropriation for services of School committee not drawn until after books were closed.

WATER SUPPLY.

Appropriated	\$1,500 00
Orders drawn :	
Middleborough Water Works	\$1,500 00

SPRINKLING STREETS.

Appropriated	\$300 00
No orders drawn.	

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation for 1890, undrawn at last report	\$750 00
“ 1891,	500 00
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	\$1,250 00
Orders drawn :	
Shiverick & Thomas, for concreting in 1890 .	\$593 87
“ “ “ 1891 .	832 95
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	\$1,426 82
Charged to abutters for work in 1890 \$215 20	
“ “ “ 1891 306 00	
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	521 20
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	\$905 62

NIGHT WATCH AND POLICE.

Appropriated	\$1,000 00
Orders drawn :	
Herbert L. Leonard, night watch \$700 00	
“ “ keeper of lockup	
to May 1, 1891	13 00
James A. Burgess, Sunday police .	25 00
Everett T. Lincoln, police service .	10 00
“ “ truant officer .	14 00
Edward Bryant, police service .	21 00
S. Mendall “ “ .	8 50
S. S. Lovell “ “ .	8 00
J. B. Collingwood, expenses of transferring Annie Linden from house of correction to workhouse	63
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	\$800 13

SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Appropriated	\$1,000 00
Orders drawn :	
C. D. Kingman, cash paid	367 37

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

Appropriated	\$600 00
Received for rent of hall	591 00
“ “ rooms	411 00
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	\$1,602 00

A. M. Wood and B. F. Johnson, agent and janitor of hall	\$468 00
H. A. Sparrow, repairs to blinds, etc.	142 59
E. O. Morris, repairs on roof	22 15
Sundry bills for repairs and supplies	73 05
Middleboro Gas & Electric Co., gas bills	329 73
Shiverick and Thomas, concreting, 1890	63 38
A. G. Hayes, care of sewerage, 2 years	10 00
Heywood Brothers, furniture	50 00
Pond Desk Co. “	10 00
Washburn & Parker, coal	214 38
B. F. Johnson, care of lawn, 2 years	45 00
H. Whittemore, seats on town lot,	7 50
Lloyd Perkins, 2d, fence on lot and repairs to steam and gas piping,	82 14
Thomas W. Pierce, sundry supplies and repairs,	10 47
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	\$1,528 39

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation	200 00
Orders drawn :	
S. S. Lovell, cleaning catch basins	\$52 76
Jas. A. Burgess, on account	55 00
M. H. Cushing & Co., lime	1 00
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	\$108 76

PLYMOUTH AND MIDDLEBOROUGH R. R.

Appropriation	\$20,000 00
Orders drawn :	
Payments on account of subscription to stock,	2,001 00

SOLDIERS RELIEF.

Appropriation	\$250 00
Orders drawn :	
Mary Agnes Thayer,	\$80 00
M. H. Cushing & Co., supplies for Chas. Pittsley	7 50
Dr. W. F. Fryer, medical attendance for Pittsley	23 00
D. B. Monroe, shoes for Pittsley	2 75
Elisha Thomas, wood for Pittsley	3 00
James L. Jenney, wood for Pittsley	6 25
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	\$122 50

Bills for Pittsley to be paid by Wareham.

HERRING ACCOUNT.

Received from towns on Taunton river for inspection at East Taunton,	\$130 00
Received from sale of herring	345 00
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	\$475 00

Orders drawn :

J. A. Burgess, cash paid C. G. Washburn	\$80 00
“ “ R. Hathaway	15 00
“ “ W. M. Fittzgibbons	10 00
“ expenses	12 00
“ services	13 00
Benj. W. Bump, fish warden	6 00
E. T. Lincoln “ “	14 00
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	\$150 00
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To divide with Lakeville	\$325 00

A bill has been presented to the State Fish Commissioner for putting herring above the shovel works dam in 1890, as ordered by a member of the Commission, but we have as yet failed to see any results from it. Equally successful have been our efforts to secure a grating across the race-way to prevent the herring from going up the wrong channel, a work which has several times been promised by the Commission.

SEWER.

The Selectmen have carried out the sewer plans as nearly as possible in accordance with the votes of the town. The plans were made and the work carried on under the direction of Engineer Percy M. Blake until he turned the work over to his first assistant, E. Worthington, Jr., who completed the work.

Having in view the future requirements of the sewer, and to adopt what seemed to be the best location, it was thought best to secure a strip of land fifty feet wide, from Main street to the river, in which to locate the sewer, and which at some time in the future might be laid out as a street. For convenience in description and record this was named "Mayflower avenue." To secure this location it was necessary to purchase the Pickens house and lot on Main street opposite the foot of Courtland street ; also a lot in the rear of the Pickens lot owned by Mrs. Hannah S. Harlow. The house and a triangular piece of land not needed after taking the sewer location and reserving fifty feet for the proposed street were sold to Mr. F. T. Belcher, whose premises adjoin.

As the completion of the sewer plans contemplate an extension across the fields nearly parallel with the river to an outlet near the electric light station, this line was surveyed and named "Riverdale street." A right of way was

secured across Mrs. Harlow's property, and negotiations made with the other owners until it was decided not to complete this portion of the work till another year, when further effort in that direction was dropped.

Nearly the whole length of the half-mile of sewer in Mayflower avenue was laid below the level of the ground water, and involved much extra labor and expense. The details of the whole work done, as given in the engineer's statement, are as follows :

CENTRE STREET.

Number of feet of pipe laid, 10-inch	. . .	528.3
Pipe for catch basins, 6-inch	. . .	63.2
2 manholes and 2 catch basins.		

COURTLAND STREET.

Number of feet of pipe laid, 18-inch	. . .	592.2
" " " 12-inch	. . .	452.5
" " " 8-inch	. . .	171.2
Pipe for catch basins, 8-inch	. . .	189.3
3 manholes and 5 catch basins, including those on Main street at the foot of Courtland street.		

HIGH STREET.

Number of feet of pipe laid, 10-inch	. . .	285.5
Pipe for catch basins, 8-inch	. . .	35.5
1 manhole and 2 catch basins.		

MAYFLOWER AVENUE.

Number of feet of pipe laid, 20-inch overflow	. . .	229.8
" " " 12-inch waste	. . .	229.8
" " " 24-inch	. . .	967.4
" " " 26-inch brick sewer	. . .	816.0
" " " 20-inch	. . .	368.5

7 manholes, including one at head of Riverdale street and one on Main street.

OAK STREET.

Number of feet of pipe laid, 15-inch	.	.	501.45
“ “ “ 10-inch	.	.	623.6
“ “ “ 8-inch	.	.	218.0
Pipe for catch basins, 8-inch	.	.	97.4
4 manhole and 4 catch basins.			

PEARL STREET.

Number of feet of pipe laid, 12-inch	.	.	1048.5
Pipe for catch basins, 8-inch	.	.	34.7
3 manholes and 2 catch basins.			

CLIFFORD STREET.

Number of feet of pipe laid, 8-inch	.	.	200.0
Total number of feet of pipe laid	.	.	7652.85

The financial statement is as follows :

Appropriated by the town (sewer loan)	.	\$25,000 00
House and land sold	.	1,000 00
Received for expenses of pipe inspection	.	67 87
Charges for permits to enter sewer	.	225 00
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		\$26,292 87

Orders drawn :

Lucian A. Taylor, for laying pipe	\$14,798 16
J. & G. E. Doane, for pipe	4,560 69
Percy M. Blake, engineering and inspection	1,648 86
E. Worthington, Jr., engineering	797 44
Luther Dean, surveying and plans	22 00
Lucy H. Pickens, land and building	3,500 00
Hannah S. Harlow, land	500 00
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber	197 18
C. W. Maxim, sawing stakes, etc.	4 25

D. W. Lewis, castings for catchbasins	\$120 00
H. W. Clapp, castings for manholes	244 66
Boston Double Catch-Basin, Sewer and House Trap Co.	111 00
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing pro- posals and contracts	28 75
Boston Herald, advertising proposals	9 75
Boston Globe, " "	7 50
Providence Journal " "	3 60
Old Colony Railroad, freight bills .	23 48
W. R. Whitcomb, carting bills .	13 80
T. W. Pierce, repairing gas pipes .	78 47
	<hr/> \$26,669 59

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

The expenses of the Highway Department have been unusually large the past year, partly on account of the necessity for the erection of two important bridges, lying between Middleborough and adjoining towns. The town of Lakeville having voted to rebuild Vaughan's bridge over the Nemasket river, Middleborough joined with them in building a wooden truss bridge, with stone abutments, 35 feet span and 20 feet roadway. Early in the season the County Commissioners ordered Alden's bridge over the Taunton river, to be rebuilt, to be an iron bridge of 85 feet span and 25 feet roadway, with stone abutments and wing walls. In company with Bridgewater the work has been done, and the result is a very fine structure. One-half of the cost of each bridge has been borne by Middleborough and the other half by the adjoining town. The filling and grading on each side has been done by the towns in which the filling was done. The Selectmen of Bridgewater and Middleborough have petitioned the County Commissioners for an allowance from the County

on account of Alden's bridge, which will probably be granted.

Highway and bridge appropriation, 1891	\$14,000 00
Unexpended from 1890	1,053 79
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	\$15,053 79

Orders drawn :

Vaughan's Bridge.

L. Dean, one-half expense engineering	\$15 50
A. T. Briggs, one-half of stone work	592 50
H. Whittemore, one-half wood work	157 50
B. P. W. Lovell, filling	124 75
“ putting up railing	15 47
“ stone to hold bank	56 25
J. K. & B. Sears, lumber	10 91
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	\$972 88

Alden's Bridge.

Berlin Iron Bridge Co., one-half bridge contract	\$3,732 00
Berlin Iron Bridge Co., side-walls of road	500 00
A. R. Dunham and A. F. Reed, filling	316 25
Lucinda Keith, earth for filling	10 00
A. S. Lyons, lumber for railing	23 50
B. E. Holmes, one-half expense fixing temporary road for mail route	17 20
A. R. Dunham, one-half damage in carrying the mail	62 50
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	\$4,661 45

Orders drawn for bills approved by the Superintendent of Streets (for details see his report) . \$12,183 31

Orders drawn by Selectmen but not included in Superintendent's report :

Albert J. Wood, repairs in Dec. 1889, and March, 1890	\$1 75	
M. O. Rounseville, work on curbing, 1890	5 25	
George R. Sampson, snow bill, 1889 and 1890	5 25	
N.W. Leonard, land to enlarge gravel pit	375 00	
	<hr/>	\$387 25
Total expenses of highways and bridges		\$18,204 89

STONE CRUSHER, ENGINE AND ROLLER.

Amount appropriated	\$2,500 00	
Orders drawn :		
Wm. M. Hawes, stone crusher and engine	\$1,545 00	
Wm. M. Hawes, spark arrestor and extra cheeks	48 94	
Water pipe and laying	72 23	
Pipe and fittings in setting up	18 72	
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber	152 93	
W. H. Southworth, building engine house	89 42	
Eben Jones, Jr., painting	7 53	
Ames Plow Co., road roller	235 00	
N. W. Leonard, lot for crusher	175 00	
Selectmen, time and expenses as committee on crusher	51 25	
Old Colony Railroad, freight	8 92	
	<hr/>	\$2,404 94

ESTIMATES FOR A TAX, 1892.

For support of schools, including school books, incidentals and superintendent's salary .	\$16,500 00
School committee's salaries	150 00
Support of poor	5,000 00
Support of insane	800 00
Military aid	600 00
Soldier's relief	200 00
Town officers	2,500 00
Incidental expenses	1,000 00
Lighting streets	3,500 00
G. A. R. for Memorial day	150 00
Town-house committee, expense account .	600 00
Repairs to town-hall and stage	1,000 00
Water-supply to fire district	1,500 00
Town debt, note due	5,000 00
Interest	3,200 00
Board of health	200 00
Highway department	13,000 00
Concrete sidewalks	500 00
Night watch and police	900 00
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	\$56,300 00
Less corporation and bank taxes (estimated) .	6,400 00
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To be raised by a tax	\$49,900 00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

The following notes to Middleborough Savings Bank :

March 2, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. payable in 5 years	\$5,000 00
April 16, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ " " " 6 "	5,000 00

June 1, 1887,	at $3\frac{3}{4}$	per cent. payable in 7 years	\$5,000 00
July 2, 1887,	at $3\frac{3}{4}$	" " 8 "	5,000 00
Dec. 1, 1887,	at $3\frac{3}{4}$	" " 9 "	5,000 00
June 16, 1888,	at $4\frac{1}{4}$	" " 10 "	5,200 00
July 25, 1888,	at $4\frac{1}{4}$	" " 11 "	5,200 00
Dec. 18, 1888	at $4\frac{1}{4}$	" " 12 "	5,055 00
Dec. 26, 1891	at 4	" " Nov. 1, 1897,	5,000 00
Sewer Loan	at 4	" " 1, 1907,	5,000 00
" "	at 4	" " 1, 1908,	5,000 00
" "	at 4	" " 1, 1909,	5,000 00
" "	at 4	" " 1, 1910,	5,000 00
" "	at 4	" " 1, 1911,	5,000 00

\$70,455 00

Due town officers and other liabilities (estimated)	500 00
Due for interest	500 00
Possible loss on taxes	800 00

\$72,255 00

ASSETS.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1892 . . .	\$7,370 08
Cash advanced for P. & M. Railroad	
stock	2,001 00
Due on taxes	14,995 89
Due from State, military aid . . .	512 00
" " " state aid	2,997 00

Total assets 27,875 97

Balance of liabilities \$44,379 03

This will be increased when loan for stock in
Plymouth and Middleborough Railroad is
placed, by the sum of \$20,000 00

Examined and found correct,

I. F. ATWOOD, *Auditor.*

The selectmen and assessors purpose to be at their office every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock, and persons having business with either board will consult their own convenience and the question of economy of time in town expenses, if they will present their business or grievances to the whole board, as neither member has authority to pass an order, grant a license, or remit a tax, without the action of the board.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT T. SAVERY,	}	Selectmen
JOSEPH E. BEALS,		of
JARED F. ALDEN.		Middleborough

Middleborough, Jan. 1, 1892.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintendent of Streets.

To the Board of Selectmen :

You will see by this report that in my distribution of money for highways, I have not been governed by sections, but have allowed the largest expenditure — considering of course the amount of travel — where the roads were in the poorest condition.

The following bills have been presented by the section men and I have examined and approved the same :

S. S. Lovell, including expense				
of graveling Arch street	.	.	\$4,892	60
S. S. Lovell, snow bills	.	.	106	70
				<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/>
				\$4,999 30
L. B. Pratt	.	.	866	97
“ “ snow bills	.	.	10	60
				<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/>
				\$877 57
S. W. Bump	.	.		280 92
G. R. Sampson	.	.	38	75
“ “ snow bills	.	.	7	00
				<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/>
				\$45 75
B. E. Holmes	.	.		\$599 92
H. A. Thompson	.	.		165 38
B. C. Shaw	.	.		157 24

N. S. Cushing	\$190 00
J. K. Bishop	291 93
H. C. Tinkham	521 16
A. F. Reed	317 15
L. T. Miller	241 75
J. E. Smith	202 95
J. H. Thomas, including expense of building part of new road on Thomas street as ordered by the County Commissioners	489 69
Wm. F. Atwood, including expense of building new road on Cedar street as ordered by County Commissioners	539 28
B. P. W. Lovell	53 28
“ “ running road ma- chine in north and east sections of town, and man and four horses	275 00
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	\$328 28 \$10,248 27

I have approved other bills, as follows :

Bailey & Soule, for iron work	\$19 39
Mrs. H. Barrows, for gravel	7 60
C. H. Carpenter, for gravel	48 30
J. A. Shaw, for building sidewalk on Arch street	90 62
E. M. Barden, for care of watering trough, Barden Hills	3 00
C. F. Peirce, for cement pipe	23 94
G. E. Allen, for edges and bolts for road machine	41 00
G. E. Standish, for labor and money paid on Montello street	5 95
I. E. Macomber, for labor on high- ways, 1890	7 28

I. E. Macomber, for clearing highway of snow, 1890	\$8 00	
N. F. Shurtleff, for trimming trees and mowing bushes	7 75	
Allowed Wm. Thornton, for repairs on Winter street	5 00	
J. B. LeBarron, for cedar posts and railings and white oak timber for Water street bridge	121 80	
M. O. Rounesville, work on bridges, sluiceways, paving gutters and setting curbing	359 32	
E. T. Jenks, for oil, packing, waste, etc., for crusher	9 62	
C. E. Mellen, for gravel	9 30	
Middleborough Water Works, iron pipe for drain	33 33	
J. L. Jenney, for coal for stone crusher	58 55	
J. & G. E. Doane, for drain pipe, tools, etc.	91 64	
H. L. Hatcher & Co., for paper and printing	4 40	
T. W. Peirce, for drain pipe, tools and labor	63 55	
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., for lumber	40 70	
Town of Bridgewater, for balance of bill in settlement of lumber and other bills on account of repairing Bedford street bridge	83 00	
E. M. Stanton, for services as engineer at crusher, (six weeks)	90 00	
W. B. Wood, services as Superintendent as per orders from selectmen	702 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,935 04
		<hr/>
		\$12,183 31

Complaints have been made to your board as well as to myself because more work was not done on some of our streets, but if those complaining will consider that we have one hundred and fifty miles of road and twenty bridges to keep in repair, besides new roads and walks to build, they will see that with your present appropriation it is impossible for your superintendent to satisfy all demands made upon him although they may be deserving of attention and recognition. The frequent freezing and thawing of our streets last winter left them badly rutted and uneven and an unusual amount of work was required to put them in a fair condition. While I appreciate the fact that we have some poor roads, they are being improved from year to year. After lowering the grade of Center street the work of macadamizing was commenced at the corner of School street and continued as far as Leonard's shoe factory. While it is not advisable to neglect other roads by too large an expenditure on any particular street, but knowing that while this make of road is at the outset more expensive, I believe that in the end it is more economical for the town. I recommend that the work be continued as far as Oak street the coming summer, and that it be completed as far as High street the following season, and when so completed you will have one of the best, instead of the poorest piece of road in town. Two hundred tons of building stone were collected from the sewer trench and stored on the town land, though we had no immediate use for them, and the cost of carting is included as highway work. They will be valuable for street purposes in the future and worth much more than they cost.

STONE CRUSHER.

Owing to unavoidable delay the stone crusher was not put in operation until the second week in August. The

crusher, engine and roller purchased by you, and the location and arrangement of the plant are perfectly satisfactory, and it has been pronounced by parties from other towns and cities who have inspected it as being the most perfect plant they have seen. The engine and crusher were run six weeks by E. M. Stanton, an experienced engineer and machinist, whose previous experience with crushers has made his services of value in this department. There are eight hundred tons of crushed stone ready for the coming spring and summer work.

WALKS AND PAVING.

Forty-three hundred feet of new sidewalks have been built and covered with screened gravel or cinder, and many of the old walks thoroughly repaired. I know of no better way to keep our streets drained and in form, than by paving the gutters. A portion of your highway appropriation should be used each year for this purpose.

There have been seventeen hundred feet of paving laid the past year.

STREET RAILINGS.

About one thousand feet of railing has been placed on bridges and dangerous places along the highways the past season.

TREES AND BUSHES.

The trees bordering on our streets and walks never having been thoroughly or systematically trimmed had grown to such an extent that in many places they overhung the walks and highways so as to inconvenience public travel, particularly in snowy and stormy weather. Although anticipating opposition from some abutting owners, I decided that public convenience required that the work should be

done, and accordingly instructed Mr. S. S. Lovell to proceed, and am pleased to report that the work has been done in a very thorough and satisfactory manner. In other sections of the town the bushes have been cleared from the roadsides and the trees properly trimmed by the different section men, the expense being included in their highway bills.

BRIDGES.

Bedford street bridge has been newly timbered and covered with hard pine plank and is in safe condition. The work was done by B. E. Holmes, and the expense is included in his highway bills. Other bridges have been newly planked and repaired by section men, the expense being included in their highway bills. Woodward's bridge is a substantial iron structure, but when built it was covered with spruce timber and plank which are badly decayed, and needs new covering with hard pine.

SECTION MEN.

I wish to express my thanks to the several section men for the interest shown in their work and their ready compliance with my instructions.

GUIDE BOARDS.

The special appropriation for this	
work was	\$250 00

The following bills have been approved :

C. A. Wood, making, painting, repairing	
and lettering boards	\$174 78
J. & G. E. Doane, bill for paint, oil,	
nails, etc.	17 28

J. K. & B. Sears, bill for lumber .	\$15 39	
J. B. LeBaron, bill for cedar posts .	26 30	
N. S. Cushing, bill for cedar and setting posts	6 68	
Unexpended balance	9 57	
	<hr/>	\$250 00

The guide boards in town are in good condition, some of the street boards have not been put up, but will be as soon as the weather admits.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM B. WOOD,

Superintendent of Streets.

REPORT OF THE STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Middleborough:

Your committee have endeavored to carry out the instructions given them by vote of the town, and are now burning 300 oil lamps in the different sections of the town, and it is our endeavor to have them cared for in such manner as will satisfy all.

Orders which cover all the expense from Aug. 1, 1891, to Jan. 1, 1892, have been drawn on the treasurer as follows:

W. C. McCrellis, labor	\$20 00
Ira Tinkham & Co., oil	297 96
C. H. Tribou, labor	20 00
“ “ “	25 00
“ “ “	46 66
“ “ expense	3 75
R. J. Nourse, labor	16 66
E. P. LeBaron, freight	9 47
Peter Gray, lamps and lanterns	1,370 86
C. H. Tribou, labor	50 00
“ “ “	52 75
M. O. Rounseville, setting posts	106 07
L. E. Thomas, teaming	6 10
C. H. Tribou, labor	50 00
Peter Gray, supplies	66 35
Ira Tinkham & Co., oil	216 06
C. W. Maxim, posts	313 16
	\$2,670 85

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. LeBARON.
G. E. WOOD.
D. G. PRATT.

LIST OF JURORS.

The Selectmen propose the following persons to serve as Jurors the ensuing year, viz. :

Andrew Alden,
 Jared F. Alden,
 Emery F. Atwood,
 Harrison W. Atwood,
 Harvey N. Atwood,
 William F. Atwood,
 Joseph E. Beals,
 Frederic T. Belcher,
 Grover Bennett,
 Jonn S. Benson,
 Howard M. Bishop,
 Joshua K. Bishop,
 George F. Bryant,
 Charles E. Bump,
 Marshall P. Burgess,
 Benjamin F. Caswell,
 Frederic P. Chase,
 Abisha T. Clark, Jr.,
 Amos D. Clark,
 George S. Clark,
 Charles F. Cornish,
 George A. Cox,
 Nathaniel S. Cushing,
 James S. Cuzner,
 Albert Deane,
 Orien E. Deane,
 George A. Earle,
 Lucius M. Fuller,
 George T. M. Gammons,
 Francis B. Gibbs,
 Foster A. Harlow,
 Israel T. Hathaway,
 Benjamin E. Holmes,
 James L. Jenney,
 B. Frank Jones,

Eugene P. LeBaron,
 Thos J. LeBaron,
 Abiatha W. Leonard,
 Ezra S. Leonard,
 Nathan B. Maxim,
 William McAllister,
 Adam P. McKeen,
 Andrew W. Miller,
 Luther B. Murdock,
 Job F. Peirce,
 Isaac E. Perkins,
 Edmund E. Phillips,
 Ebenezer Pickens,
 David G. Pratt,
 Herbert A. Pratt,
 Luther B. Pratt,
 Nathan W. Pratt,
 Edmund S. Russell,
 John H. Ryder,
 James M. Sampson,
 Albert T. Savery,
 Truman C. Savery,
 Benjamin C. Shaw,
 Joseph A. Shaw,
 Walter A. Shaw,
 Albert W. Smith,
 John E. Smith,
 Walter M. Snow,
 Augustus H. Soule,
 George L. Soule,
 Warren H. Southworth,
 George E. Standish,
 Dennis D. Sullivan,
 David S. Surrey,
 Ichabod B. Thomas,

John B. Thomas,
 Josiah H. Thomas,
 Lazelle E. Thomas,
 Henry A. Thompson,
 Charles S. Tinkham,
 George F. Tinkham,
 Alvin P. Vaughan,
 Asaph F. Washburn,

Seneca T. Weston,
 William L. White,
 Edward F. Witham,
 Albert J. Wood,
 Edward C. Wood,
 Edward F. Wood,
 Warren Wood,
 William B. Wood.

ALBERT T. SAVERY, } Selectmen
 JOSEPH E. BEALS, } of
 JARED F. ALDEN, } Middleborough.

Middleborough, Feb. 13, 1892.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Trustees of the Public Library,
JANUARY, 1892.

A brief but comprehensive summary of the work performed by the librarian and her assistants is given in the following :

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Trustees of the Middleborough Public Library :

The eighteenth annual report is as follows : Library open 306 days, in which 21,834 volumes were distributed, as follows : Juvenile reading, 5,792 ; descriptive and travels, 1,375 ; history, American and foreign, 524 ; biography, 481 ; natural history and scientific, 199 ; literature, essays and poetry, 388 ; religion and theology, 85 ; bound periodicals, 1,179 ; fiction, 11,663 ; political economy and miscellaneous, 148.

The largest monthly circulation was in March, 2156 ; and the smallest in June, 1364.

Number of cards issued to date, 4898 ; showing a gain of 683 for the year, which is the largest number on record for any year since the opening of the Library. No record is kept of the number of readers or number of publications consulted in the reading room department, nor of the number of books handed out for short consultation and reference.

Whole number of volumes now in the library, 5,490, — 156 having been added during the year, and will be found in the card catalogues. 151 have been rebound, and 40 volumes are at present in the hands of the binder. 22 books have been discarded as worn too badly for circulation, and have been replaced by new ones, and there are others which we shall be obliged to replace soon. Five books loaned have not been returned to the library, one or two having moved out of town and taken the books with them. These will not have the liberty of using the library until the books are returned or paid for.

Books covered, numbered and labelled, 1313.

Through the kindness of M. F. King, ex-mayor of Portland, Maine, we have received a catalogue of the Portland Free Library and the Maine Register for 1891.

ADELAIDE K. THATCHER, Librarian.
January, 1891.

The library is open from 2 o'clock to 8 o'clock P.M. every day, except Sundays and holidays. Mrs. Adelaide K. Thatcher holds the position of librarian, with Miss Lucy M. T. Brayton and Harriet B. Sylvester as assistants. As will be seen by the librarian's report the number of readers is continually increasing.

Careful attention is paid to the reference department of the library, having in view the wants of the schools or any class seeking information such as may be ordinarily found in a well equipped library. Among the reference books of special value added during the past year may be mentioned the Encyclopædia Britannica and the American Supplement, 30 volumes in all; also the fifth and sixth volumes (completing the set) of the Century Dictionary; arranged for convenience of use in a revolving cabinet holding both sets of publications.

Mr. N. W. Stearns, a new resident of the town who has

shown considerable interest in the library, has presented it with a large new and valuable map of the United States. To hold this and other maps a well-fitted map rack has been ordered so that they may be kept in a position convenient for reference.

The Library is under special obligations to Hon. Elijah A. Morse for valuable public documents; to the United States Geological Survey for valuable reports; and to the Massachusetts state department, for State publications.

The reading-room is continually increasing in popularity, and will probably continually do so as long as a list of periodicals like the following can be found upon the tables :

American Agriculturist,	New England Magazine,
Art Interchange,	North American Review,
Arena,	Outing,
Atlantic Monthly,	Overland Monthly,
Century Magazine,	Patent Office Official Gazette,
Cosmopolitan,	Popular Science Monthly,
Current Literature,	Public Opinion,
Eclectic Magazine,	Review of Reviews,
Engineering Magazine,	Saint Nicholas,
Forum,	Scientific American,
Frank Leslie's Monthly,	Scientific American Supplem't,
Godey's,	Scribner's Magazine,
Harper's Magazine,	Unitarian Review,
Magazine of American History,	Wide Awake,
Manifesto,	

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees,

JQSEPH E. BEALS, *Secretary.*

Middleborough, January, 1892.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1891-1892.

Term expires, 1892.	Term expires, 1893.	Term expires, 1894.
E. ROBINSON,	WM. R. PEIRCE, Pres.	GEORGE BRAYTON,
E. S. HATHAWAY,	C. D. KINGMAN,	JAMES M. COOMBS,
A. M. WOOD,	W. H. SOUTHWORTH,	JOS. E. BEALS, Sec'y.

TREASURER'S REPORT, PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance of cash on hand at last annual report . . .	\$176 81
Received from town treasurer, "dog money" . . .	721 90
“ “ “ “ “other licenses” . . .	57 50
“ fines during the year . . .	46 00
“ for catalogues and cards sold . . .	3 75
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	1,005 96
Paid A. K. Thatcher, librarian . . .	\$200 00
Lucy M. T. Brayton, assistance . . .	76 50
Harriet B. Sylvester, assistance . . .	36 90
Myra K. Leonard, assistance . . .	2 60
Estes & Lauriat, books . . .	349 53
Balch Brothers, Century Dictionary, volumes 5 & 6 . . .	25 00
Stanton Publishing Co., book . . .	2 00
H. S. Inman, "Iconographic Encyclo- pædia" . . .	42 00
James M. Coombs, magazines . . .	64 80
Balch Brothers, revolving book-case . . .	20 00
F. W. R. Emery, rebinding books . . .	54 10
W. F. Dean, screen doors and win- dows . . .	8 25
Freight, express and carting books . . .	2 14
Pencils . . .	1 00
P. O. box . . .	1 00
Small bills paid by librarian . . .	7 75
John Shaw, book, mucilage, ink, etc. . .	2 42
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	\$895 99
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Balance on hand . . .	\$109 97

JOSEPH E. BEALS, Treasurer.

Middleborough, January, 1892.

Examined and found correct. I. F. ATWOOD, Auditor.

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

For the Year 1891.

Net amount drawn from the treasury . . . \$5,455 78

Received as follows, from :

City of Lynn	\$98 88	
Town of Wareham	189 53	
“ Plymouth	329 90	
“ Freetown	89 87	
“ Harwich	70 00	
“ Truro	112 90	
“ Plympton	8 25	
State Treasurer, for State paupers	49 05	
On account of State aid	96 00	1,044 38
Produce from the farm sold		628 10
		\$7,128 26

Paid out as follows, viz. :

For support of paupers in the almshouse . . . \$2,137 93

Out of the almshouse :

Mrs. Allen Pratt	\$48 00
Paul Short	162 00
Stillman B. Morse	24 00
Charles W. Murray	70 00
Catharine A. Hollis	82 50
Luther Paul	269 92

Samuel B. Maxim . . .	\$36 00
Samuel Wood . . .	58 75
Lugeane F. Ashley . . .	12 00
E. Bell . . .	32 00
Levi Shaw . . .	104 00
Azel T. Eaton . . .	60 00
Mary L. Beisecker . . .	134 50
Albert Elliot . . .	229 40
James E. Richmond . . .	70 50
E. Cushing Bonney . . .	104 00
Frank A. Lewis . . .	34 52
Patience C. Benson . . .	79 50
Sally C. " . . .	65 00
Nancy, Sarah and Olive Leonard . .	156 00
Sarah Vaughan . . .	104 00
Betsey C. Cobb . . .	48 00
Rachel W. Thomas . . .	63 50
Aseneth E. Alden . . .	63 00
Clara Bagnall . . .	68 57
Paul Short . . .	27 00
Charles W. Tribou . . .	51 00
Clark Shurtleff estate . . .	15 00
Wendall White . . .	10 00
Fred. Wilmot . . .	4 00
Standish Ryder . . .	50 00
E. Cushing Bonney . . .	58 00
Moses T. Smith . . .	147 50
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	\$2,542 16
City of New Bedford, for aid furnished	
Mrs. Mary Lawrence . . .	69 00
City of Lawrence, for aid furnished	
Sarah Phelan . . .	5 55
City of Brockton, for aid furnished	
Mrs. Ellen J. Weeks . . .	9 60

Robert R. Clark	\$35 28	
Town of Sandwich for aid furnished		
Henry H. P. Lovell	227 74	
Town of Westport, for aid furnished		
Rosalie A. Thyng	69 00	
Town of Plymouth, for aid furnished		
David Shurtleff	14 75	
Town of Rochester, for aid furnished		
Henry Hall	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$454 92
In Westborough insane hospital,		
Paid for Mrs. Lucy A. Harlow . .	\$169 48	
In Bridgewater Asylum, . .		
Paid for George Wallen	146 00	
In Marlborough,		
Paid for Joanna O'Keefe	156 43	
In Mass. School for Feeble-Minded		
Paid for Mary Lyon	175 01	
In Worcester Hospital,		
Paid for Robert Fitzsimmons . .	35 29	
	<hr/>	\$682 21

Paid aid furnished those having settlements in other places :

George W. Brackett, Lynn	\$112 86
Joshua Pittsley, Freetown	73 09
Ezra A. " "	9 78
William Bumpus, Wareham	11 00
Mrs. Hannah B. N. Bumpus, Wareham	8 00
Matthias H. Long, Wareham	42 00
Angus Morrison, State	38 00
Joseph Canavan "	11 25
Mrs. Francis "	3 00
" Hiram Bryant, Plymouth	41 00
" George B. Wentworth, Plymouth	84 00

Mrs. Lucinda Raymond, Plymouth .	\$44 85	
“ Abbie Robinson, Harwich .	20 00	
“ Mercy H. Thomas, Truro .	76 40	
	<hr/>	\$575 23
Paid James L. Jenney, for coal .	\$142 56	
H. L. Thatcher, for printing	3 25	
Josiah H. Vaughan, for wood .	40 00	
Dr. T. S. Hodgson, professional services one year	50 00	
G. W. Sherman and wife, for services one year	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$735 81
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		\$7,128 26

Examined and found correct.

I. F. ATWOOD, *Auditor.*

Whole number in the alms-house during the year	22
Whole number of tramps during the year	333
Remaining the whole time	17
Present number	19
Number of weeks for one person	980
Average expense per week, not in- cluding superintendent's salary	\$2 18
Amount of real estate, Jan. 1, 1892	9,915 00
Amount of personal “ Jan. 1, 1892	2,469 15
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	\$12,384 15
Amount of real estate, Jan. 1, 1891	\$9,915 00
Amount of personal “ Jan. 1, 1891	2,573 98
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	\$12,488 98

AMOUNT OF PRODUCE RAISED ON THE FARM.

Squashes and pumpkins	5 tons.
Corn fodder	. . . . .	5 “
Rye straw	. . . . .	1 “
Hay	. . . . .	20 “
Corn	. . . . .	172 bushels.
Potatoes	. . . . .	350 “
Turnips	. . . . .	75 “
Beans	. . . . .	10 “
Peas	. . . . .	8 “
Beets	. . . . .	111 “
Rye	. . . . .	10 “
Carrots	. . . . .	2 “
Parsnips	. . . . .	1 barrel.
Apples	. . . . .	40 “
Pork	. . . . .	1694 lbs.
Beef	. . . . .	1087 “
Veal	. . . . .	528 “
Butter	. . . . .	350 “
Eggs	. . . . .	600 dozen.
Milk	. . . . .	2500 gallons.
Cabbage	. . . . .	500 heads.
Pigs	. . . . .	12
Chickens	. . . . .	50

Tomatoes, cucumbers, etc.

There has been one death in the alms-house during the year. Miss Mary W. Atwood died April 28, 1891, aged 82 years, 11 months.

The last year's report reads that George W. Sherman and wife were paid for their services last year \$530, which is an error, and we wish to correct it, as they received only \$500.

We continue the same invitation that we have in previous years, for every one to visit the alms-house, and would impress it upon you as a duty, and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman would like to have you do so, and will extend to you the hospitalities of the house.

ANDREW C. WOOD,	} Overseers
SYLVANUS MENDALL,	
CHAS. T. THATCHER,	
	of the
	Poor.

STATE AID.

Furnished the following persons for the year ending Dec.
31, 1891.

Ashley, Mrs. Susan A.	\$8 00	Morse, Mrs. Lucy A.	\$48 00
Atwood, Mrs. Eliza A.	24 00	Merrick, John R.	40 00
Bumpus, Marcus	36 00	Norveill, Mrs. Susan	48 00
Bump, Benjamin W.	36 00	Nichols, James G.	36 00
Bliss, Alphonso	54 00	Pittsley, Charles P.	116 00
Boynton, William H.	12 00	" Mrs. Cordelia M.	48 00
Benson, Mrs. Paulina R.	20 00	Perkins, Mrs. Calista M.	48 00
Butler, Mrs. Susan	48 00	Powers, George	22 50
Bisbee, Sylvanus	4 00	Pratt, Charles W.	9 00
Chamberlain, Mrs. Catherine	48 00	Raymond, Marcus M.	36 00
Capen, Mrs. Mary L.	20 00	" Lucius S.	36 00
Crosby, Asa F.	96 00	Rogers, Mrs. Mary N.	48 00
Cole, Job N.	60 00	Soule, Mrs. Abbie J.	24 00
Chase, Ezra S.	6 00	Sherman, Mrs. Eliza B.	48 00
Dorr, Amos L.	72 00	Shores, Mrs. Phebe C.	24 00
Fagan, Peter	120 00	Shaw, William B.	60 00
Gammons, Thomas G.	36 00	" William N.	72 00
Goldsboro, John F.	58 00	" Isaac	24 00
Glaney, Bernard	72 00	" George H. 2nd	9 00
Gibbs, Stephen S.	15 00	Standish, Alfred O.	48 00
Haskins, Harrison	54 00	Scanlin, John	72 00
" Mrs. Drusilla H.	44 00	Tinkham, Mrs. Sarah A.	48 00
Hunt, Mrs. Vesta H.	48 00	" " Charles	3 00
" Ephraim A.	40 50	Thomas, Arad Jr.	48 00
Haines, Mrs. Maria S.	24 00	Tillson, Benjamin O.	15 00
Hansell, Mrs. Lottie E.	48 00	Westgate, Edward S.	48 00
Haley, Edward Jr.	27 00	Weston, Sanford	48 00
Hall, Mrs. Elizabeth	28 00	" Dura T.	24 00
Jefferson, Mrs. Sarah C.	24 00	Wood, Jacob	48 00
Jennings, Mrs. Harriet E.	28 00	" Mrs. Eliza T.	48 00
Knowland, John B.	48 00	Whitcomb, Mrs. Martha W.	48 00
Lucas, Abner	48 00	Wetherby, Mrs. Betsey D.	48 00
Lane, Benjamin F.	120 00	Ware, Mrs. Harriette A.	48 00
Littlejohn, Ira O.	24 00	Warner, Mrs. Nancy	48 00
Mellen, Charles C.	72 00		
Morse, Ezra	36 00		
			<u>\$2 997 00</u>

MILITARY AID.

Furnished the following persons for the year ending Dec.
31, 1891.

Chace, Ezra S.	\$48 00	Raymond, Fred R.	\$72 00
Deane, George R.	96 00	Thompson, George H.	96 00
Glidden, Benjamin R.	120 00	" William F.	6 00
Gibbs, Abiel	48 00	Wilmot, Thomas E.	60 00
Howes, Charles A.	72 00	Williams, Samuel	34 00
Lovell, Henry H.	96 00	Wood, Daniel F.	72 00
Morse, Artemas	72 00	Whitcomb, William R.	44 00
Mitchell, Charles	72 00		
Perkins, Nathan A.	16 00		
			<u>\$1,024 00</u>

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR.

Taxes remaining unpaid for

1883, as per last report	.	\$21 51	
1884, " "	.	48 31	
1885, " "	.	75 30	
1886, " "	.	281 78	
1887, " "	.	789 39	
1888, " "	.	1,468 88	
1889, " "	.	3,422 58	
1890, " "	.	6,728 65	
Taxes committed 1891	.	55,462 54	
Interest and summons received	.	646 84	
		<hr/>	\$68,945 78

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By taxes remaining unpaid for 1883		\$8 31	
" " " 1884		23 06	
" " " 1885		36 63	
" " " 1886		191 34	
" " " 1887		437 57	
" " " 1888		807 32	
" " " 1889		1,576 46	
" " " 1890		2,836 57	
" " " 1891		9,078 63	
By Assessor's orders	.	511 89	
" cash paid town treasurer	.	53,438 00	
		<hr/>	\$68,945 78

C. T. THATCHER, Collector.

Examined and found correct,

I. F. ATWOOD, Auditor.

Report of the Town Treasurer,

FOR THE YEAR 1891.

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Cash received as follows :

On hand, as per last year's report . . .	\$17,146 40
From State Treasurer, for corporation tax . .	4,469 85
“ “ “ for national bank tax . . .	2,008 80
“ “ “ for income of school fund . . .	49 33
“ “ “ for State aid . . .	2,607 50
“ “ “ Military “ . . .	685 00
“ County Treasurer for dog licenses for 1890	721 90
W. L. Chipman, clerk 4th district court, for fines	388 84
Middleborough Savings Bank	48,500 00
“ “ “ for interest on B. P	
Wood's estate on cemetery fund	5 50
Middleborough Savings Bank for interest on Thomas Wood's estate on cemetery fund . .	3 00
J. B. and I. H. Thompson's estate for benefit cemetery lot	100 00
W. L. Dean, estate for benefit cemetery lot . .	100 00
Interest allowed on bank deposits	164 70
Overseers of the poor	1,044 38
Town-house committee	296 21
Randall Hathaway, for herrings	345 00
For land damages for widening and straightening road on petition of A. C. Wood	15 00
For land sold E. S. Hathaway	25 00

Lucien A. Taylor in place of bond for sewer contract	\$2000 00
F.T.Belcher for purchase of the "Pickens house"	800 00
P. H. Peirce & Co., for concreting	22 06
Thomas W. Peirce " "	34 50
Levi P. Thatcher " "	28 89
C. H. Carpenter " "	7 50
M. H. Cushing " "	13 92
Andrew C. Lincoln " "	6 37
G. Rosenfeld " "	12 50
Geo. W. Lovell " "	9 45
Dr. W. F. Fryer, for sewer permit	25 00
Cent. Cong. Society " "	25 00
Dr. Geo. L. Ellis " "	25 00
M. O. Rounseville " "	25 00
W. L. Lincoln " "	25 00
Geo. E. Doane " "	25 00
James H. O'Neil " "	25 00
John Mansfield " "	25 00
E. P. LeBaron " "	25 00
Thomas W. Peirce " "	25 00
Gideon S. Thomas, for restaurant license	50
Erwin, for circus license	10 00
Main's, " "	15 00
James Cole, auctioneer's license	2 00
A. T. Savery " "	2 00
Austin Lovell " "	2 00
I. F. Atwood " "	2 00
C. F. Cornish " "	2 00
E. T. Lincoln " "	2 00
Isaac E. Macomber " "	2 00
Chas. Y. Wilcox, for pedler's license	50
Galen N. Cushing " "	12 00
Walter S. Atwood " "	12 00

E. H. Blake, for fire-works license	\$5 00
J. & G. E. Doane, discount on pipe	67 87
Maps sold	25
From the following cities and towns, on account of fish : Taunton \$30.00 ; Dighton \$20.00 ; Somerset \$20.00 ; Raynham \$20.00 ; Berke- ley \$20.00 ; Fall River \$10.00 ; Freetown \$10.00	130 00
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	\$82,128 72
From collector of taxes	53,438 00
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	\$135,556 72

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Paid State Treasurer for State tax	\$2,415 00
“ “ for National Bank tax	136 27
County Treasurer for County tax	3,597 78
Jos. E. Beals for Public Library, dog licenses for 1890	721 90
Jos. E. Beals for Public Library, other licenses	57 50
Street lighting committee orders	3,902 52
School committee orders	16,453 87
Town-house committee orders	761 17
Overseers of the poor orders	6,500 16
Board of health orders	108 76
Assessor's orders	37 14
Selectmen's orders	57,639 24
Selectmen's orders for Soldiers' Relief fund unders acts of 1890, chap. 447	122 50
William L. Chipman clerk 4th district court orders for court fees to officers	198 42
Notes and interest	30,566 56
Military aid	1,024 00

State aid	\$2,997 00
L. M. Alden for G. A. R.	150 00
N. Y. & B. D. Express Co.'s bill	4 90
Deposited in Middleboro' Savings Bank for J. & I. H. Thompson's estate to keep cemetery lot in order	100 00
Deposited in Middleboro' Savings Bank for Wm. L. Dean's estate, to keep cemetery lot in order	100 00
Treasurer's salary	550 00
Hill Cemetery Association for interest re- ceived on B. P. Wood's and Thomas Wood's estates for cemetery fund	8 50
G. L. Damon for cleaning safe and vault locks	3 60
Stamps, postal cards, box rent, &c.	39 85
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	\$128,196 64
Cash on hand	7,370 08
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	\$135,566 72

C. T. THATCHER, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,

I. F. Atwood, Auditor.

Report of the Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in Middleborough in 1891.

Date	Name	Residence	Name	Residence
Jan 1	Abraham L Thomas	Middleboro	Mrs Joanna Durant	Middleboro
1	Elbridge F Dunham	"	Abbie E Shaw	Carver
7	John J Morrison	"	Nellie Boardman	Middleboro
10	Prince E Bradford	Plympton	Nettie E Perkins	Plympton
20	Albro L Raymond	Middleboro	Mary C Hazelton	Middleboro
27	Wm F Farrington	"	Nellie M Vaughan	"
Feb 3	Robert M Dempsey	"	Dora F Crosby	"
4	W Franklin Boucher	Newton	Margaret A Monahan	Newton
14	Charles A Englested	Middleboro	Minnie E Washburn	Middleboro
14	Eugene E Shaw	Carver	Ella G Atwood	Carver
14	Oscar L Williams	Middleboro	Hattie L Hagan	Brookline
15	Phillip E Morris	Carver	Rosella Westgate	Carver
22	John L Benson	Middleboro	Kate Southworth	S Carver
26	Alfred E Thomas	"	Rosalie M Eastman	Middleboro
Mar 17	Milton A Jones	"	Mrs E F Thrasher	"
18	Fred Fox	"	Mrs Rosia Freeman	"
26	James A Suttie	Brockton	Serena R Coombs	"
31	William F Shaw	Plymouth	Mary E Chace	"
Apr 1	Everett F Burgess	"	Eva M Tribou	"
8	Albert L Lowe	Middleboro	Lizzie Forbus	"
12	Albert N Rogers	"	Lizzie L Chandler	"
18	William B Gove	"	Abbie L Robinson	"
19	Josiah D Pierce	Rochester	Hattie F Westgate	Rochester
23	Preston T Manter	S Carver	Mary A Benson	Middleboro
May 7	E P Malmberg	Middleboro	Ida C Anderson	"
9	Geo Pitman	"	Etta E Norveill	"
9	Wm S McFarlin	Carver	Mrs E C Monroe	"
11	John Reardon	Middleboro	Anna Carrigan	"
12	Howard M Bishop	"	Cynthia E Delano	Marion
16	Nahum J Berry	"	Mrs E Chisholm	Middleboro
19	Leonard A Bachelder	Salem	Lurabel Harlow	"
24	Ernest I Perkins	Middleboro	Edith A Reed	"
26	John St Clair	"	Lydia McKenzie	"
29	Alonzo C Norris	"	Edith A Achorn	"
29	Charles B Allen	E Bridgewater	Mary E McCarthy	"
June 2	Joseph Garby	Middleboro	Jessie Case	"
11	Horace J Gray Jr	"	Nettie A Wells	"
17	Orville N Leonard	"	Katherine F Pratt	"
18	Edwin W Moody	C Lebanon Me	Anna E Churbuck	"
24	Henry K Durfee	Middleboro	H R A Thornton	"
27	Henry E Thomas	"	Lillie Horton	E Bridg'r

MARRIAGES — *Concluded.*

July 1	Harry Say	Middleboro	Mrs M J McLean	Middleboro
2	Geo F Shaw	Carver	Hannah M Shaw	"
12	Paul Kraus	Middleboro	Fredericke Dittmer	"
Aug ²³	Benonia T Baker	S Yarmouth	Carrie L Jefferson	"
25	Fred F Churbuck	Middleboro	Mary A Ryder	"
26	Herbert C Hopkins	"	Mary M Hawn	"
Sept 5	Wilmer A Holden	Haverhill	Ada F Gove	"
7	Frank E Burdin	Middleboro	May G Whittemore	Atk'son Me
8	Charles A Shaw	"	Ella F Kilbrith	Pembroke
8	Wm F Keyes	"	Lydia F Washburn	Brockton
23	Benjm'n C Knowlton	Bridgewater	Lucy R Murdock	Middleboro
30	J Frank Williams	Middleboro	Jessie C Taylor	"
Oct 6	Charles T Ames	"	Leora A Willard	"
9	Edward Uhlhorn	"	Lena Pest	"
20	Jotham Chisholm	"	Nettie H Kelley	Chs'town
24	Arthur P Alden	"	Lizzie W Slocum	Middleboro
Nov 2	Francis D Kelley	Brockton	Edith F Alden	"
8	Patrick Welsh	Middleboro	Susie Harrington	Cambridge
15	Charles H Dunham	"	Lalia P Etter	Middleboro
15	Wm F Stringer	Carver	Sophia A Stringer	Carver
26	Joseph Morris	Middleboro	Rachel M Warford	Middleboro
29	Albert A Penniman	"	Nancy B Soule	"
Dec 7	John McNevin	"	Jennie T Sampson	"
16	Charles M Leonard	"	Carrie L Tobey	"
23	Lewis A Esterbrooks	"	Hattie D Tripp	"
23	Ab'ham M Cushman	"	Sarah H Wasgatt	"
24	Alfred W Walker	"	Rosella A Hoxie	E Sandwich
31	John H Gay	"	Lucy P Mann	E Taunton

Births Registered in Middleborough in 1891.

Date	Name of Child.	Names of Parents	Maiden Name
Jan 3	Francis E Flynn	Patrick and Maria	Warren
3	Hellen L Thomas	Ichabod B and Almyra J F	Thomas
4	Edith H Cushing	Matthew and Edith I	Bartlett
8	Ruth A Hathaway	Samuel and Susannah	Shaw
15	Ellen F Noonan	Michael D and Ellen	Fitzgerald
16	Agnes H Creeden	Timothy D and Mary	Sullivan
16	Emma Bautine	Adelard and Atavie	Grigoie
17	Carlton B Gammons	Charles F and Mary E	Churbuck
21	Minnie L Fagerberg	John and Clarissa H	Ericson
22	Ray Herman Endres	Charles E and Susan P	Burgess
23	Ruth M Cox	George A and Clara A	Hagen
25	Alice L Collins	Stephen and Lizzie C	Gardner
29	Alfred E E Standish	Elmer E and Maria A	Donovan
Feb 1	Alice M Legere	Adolphus and Delia	Connor
3	Charles F Boardman	George W and Kate A	Hall
4	Ralph T Ellis	Thomas L and Hattie C	Wilber
8	Bunis C Alden	Charles C and Ida T	Richmond
8	Gertrude M Bryant	Leonard W and Carrie S	Cobb
9	Flora Z Maxim	Winslow T and Clara J	Pinkham
11	John M West	Thomas D and Waitstill	Leonard
18	Frances E Tribou	Charles H and Etta M	Batchelder
19	George F Vaughan	David E and Mary	Shaw
23	Ellis M Wilbur	Ansel C and Mary R	Weston
27	Pittsley	William L and Nellie L	Walker
Mch 3	Margaret J Hall	Cyrus N and Carrie A	Derry
4	James E Canavan	Joseph and Maria	Shea
8	Everett A LeBaron	Everett F and Lizzie J	Broadley
8	Walter F Leakey	Walter and Mary A	Sing
10	Stewart J Keedwell	George H and Annie K	Boswell
17	Thomas H McQuade	James and Katie	Higgins
17	Lillian E Long	Abner L and Emma J	Thayer
22	Allerton E Wilbur	George E and Nellie C	Ryder
22	Leslie M Thomas	Melvin E and Della L	Barrows
Apr 5	S M Chamberlain	William and Annie	McKenzie
5	H W Gibbs } Twins	J Warren S and Emma G	Sherman
5	M L Gibbs }	" " "	"
7	Mary Morrison	John J and Nellie E	Boardman
23	Winsor A Carver	Joseph and Mary B	Caswell
27	Bailey	Oliver S and Priscilla W	Thomas
28	Charlie Packard	Edward and Mary B	McSeve
29	Helen F Galland	Arthur M and Agnes Z	Weir
May 3	Lucy E Sawyer	Elmer and Nellie C	Tripp
5	Martha M Scott	Alfred E and Ida K	Phillips
11	Percy E Conway	William A and Jennie L	Aldrich
18	Arthur T Burt	William T and Emily A	Westgate
19	Elizabeth L Thomas	Cephas F and Nellie T	Cuzner
21	Sarah K Sparrow	Fred C and Sarah F C	King
22	Michael Houlihan	James and Alice	Flynn
22	Arthur B Westgate	Bradford F and Nellie J	Barrows

BIRTHS — *Continued.*

	22	Eliza A Slesser	Robert and Christina	Nicholson
	25	Gilbert M Ramsey	Peter M and Laura L	Jackson
	29	Hattie L Bell	Charles E and Sarah T	Irwin
June	8	John McLean	Murdock and Annie	Watson
	8	AH Andrews } Twins	William A and Mary W	Tilden
	8	WC Andrews }	" " "	"
	8	Annie M Fenno	Frank P and Lydia F	Caswell
	9	WF Houlihan	David and Delia	Higgins
	10	Gertrude M Howard	Sarah A	Howard
	15	Roy F Vaughan	Albert H and Laura G	Stickney
	17	Whitemore	Hiram and Nellie F	Huckins
	20	Elmer L White	William L and Ada T	Glaze
	22	Paul H Roberts	Henry J and Josephine	Wardell
	22	Winthrop A Benson	Gustave and Hattie F	Standish
	29	Alma T Johnson	Elmer E and Lena S	Marston
July	4	Chester M Witbeck	Harvey A and Susie H	Main
	8	Gertrude E Ryder	Alonzo F and Emma L	Carpenter
	10	Nina G Blake	Edward H and Ada E	Gay
	11	Leroy B Caswell	Alton F and Adelaide P	Morse
	19	Geary E Gorham	George E and Cynthia M	Potter
	29	Arthur C Ripley	Charles E and Maud B	Burgess
Aug	8	Emma M Hall	John L and Lettie	Pinkham
	10	Bertha I Bennett	Asa C and Achsa A	Copeland
	11	Lillian G Green	Thomas W and Sarah M	Hoyt
	14	Lawrence	John B and Clara D	Dunning
	21	Clifford A Bliss	Charles A and Nellie P	Smith
	24	Agnes W Knapp	Theodore V and Mary A	Tufts
	31	Orville J Wood	James A and Barbara	Clark
Sept	4	Annie F Swift	Walter L and Rhuanna D	Thomas
	19	Huldah S Anderson	Nicholas and Huldah S	Boardland
	20	Florence A Hnnt	Charles E and Sarah M	Reed
	23	Annie Pease	Frank and Annie F	Peirce
	25	Macomber	William H and Etta	Hartkins
	26	Lester A Snow	Horace L and Mary A	Potter
Oct	3	Percy C Thomas	Clinton and Mary E	Butler
	6	James H Galligan	James H and Sarah A	Foley
	14	Edwin M Glaze	Humphrey and Alvira E	Hodgett
	17	Lester P Hall	Fred P and Emily A	Hunt
	19	Harry M Rogers	Albert N and Lizzie L	Chandler
	20	Edith A Sheehan	John P and Mary	Mullin
	21	Arnold J Bailey	Admiral J and Augusta B	Collingwood
	24	Frederick L Phinney	Benjamin F and Cora G	Curtis
	25	Bourne	Ezra J and Lucy A	Jones
Nov	3	Inez W Bassett	William H and Mary L	Washburn
	4	Dow	Clarence H and Ellen M	Drew
	5	Harry E Dunham	Herman E and Lura	Morris
	6	Winnief'd M Harvey	Alexander G and Ella M	Atwood
	10	Caroline M Orcutt	Walter F and Leora F	Carter
	19	Winthrop N Briggs	Everett W and Lucy A	Weston
	22	Wales B Krauss	Bernard and Mary H	Rudolph
	23	Standish	George E and Eva M	Blanchard
	24	Smith	Jabez F and Mary E	Goff

BIRTHS — *Concluded.*

28	Starbuck	George W and Clara B	Grey
29	Wesson	Edward M and Angie E	Brewer
22	James H Boucher	William and Annie	Higgins
29	Ellen E Tinkham	Charles S and Emma L	Andrews
Dec 18	May G Bray	Thomas and Amelia A	Boehme
18	Thomas	Ruel A and Augusta C	Caswell
19	Bettancort	Marianna A and Anna E	Parry
20	John J Sullivan	Patrick T and Bridget A	O'Hara
31	Dunham	William F and Bessie	Maxwell

Deaths Registered in Middleborough in 1891.

Date	Name.	Age.			Disease.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan 1	William C Swift	78	10	12	Colic
27	Nancy P Sparrow	84		6	Old age
31	Mrs Sarah Ann Johnson	81	4	23	Old age
Feb 3	Phillip C Dean	62	11	3	Bright's disease
4	Mrs Ada F Reed	24	9	4	Phthisis pul
14	Mrs Mercy H Thomas	86	10	4	Bronchitis
15	Hannah A Houlihan		5	25	Hydrocephalus
19	Atwood Shaw	87	10	10	Abdominal tumor
23	Mrs Eunice Washburn	94	6	13	Old age
23	Francis M Vaughan	54	10	24	Cancer of stomach
23	Mrs Priscilla Farrington	74	11	21	Heart disease
26	Mrs Caroline K Ryder	76			Shock
Mar 4	Mary S Brown	19	10	16	Lung disease
4	George Oscar Long		3		Consumption
10	Mrs Angeline H Benson	83	1		Shock
11	Eliza Ann Tobey	19	10		Brain fever
12	Russell L Tupper	73	9	7	Pneumonia
20	Annie D Ramsay	23	1	6	Brain disease
21	Mrs Mary Ann Chadwick	66	4	6	Heart failure
25	Frances M Parker		8		Meningitis
Apr 1	John M Soule	75	5	22	Paralysis
7	Mrs Hannah Tinkham	69	4	24	Pneumonia
11	Mrs Sarah J Hammond	61		21	Dropsy
12	Samuel Pickens	48	6	8	Scarlatina maligna
12	John Garland	88	10	25	Old age
13	William W Collins	41	2	11	Apoplexy
22	Mrs Keziah P Thomas	83	4	1	Influenza
25	Mrs Sophionia L Reed	88	1	3	"
26	Mrs Mercy M Wilde	58			Cerebral softening
28	Mrs Adeline H Eddy	70		9	Heart failure
28	George M Rider		1	6	Marasmus
28	Mary W Atwood	82	11		Asthaenia
May 1	Mrs Eliza Richmond	89	2		Pneumonia
6	Ebenezer T Soule	60	10	24	Organic heart disease
7	Margaret J Sullivan	4	6		Scarlet fever
9	Mrs Maria O Washburn	70		9	Bronchial Pneumonia
9	Mrs Huldah R Vaughan	77	1	4	Influenza
11	Philo S Murdock	68		22	Cancer
14	Mrs Mary S James	75	8	11	Rheumatism
15	Mrs Melinda Pratt	93	6	15	Old age
18	Eliza A Pratt	60		9	Heart failure
18	Mrs Lucy Bryant	83	4	25	Pneumonia
23	Mrs Annie A Crowley	23			Puerperal fever
20	Mrs Anna B Freeman	75	1	15	Heart disease
20	Moses T Smith	81	11	3	Paralysis
25	Joshua Whitmarsh	68	1	12	Jaundice
27	Mrs Elizabeth C Thomas	92	8	6	Pneumonia
June 1	Henry Tucker	31	9	20	Influenza

DEATHS—Continued.

Date	Name.	Age.			Disease.
		Y.	M.	D.	
June 9	Mrs Isabel M Burroughs	26	6		Consumption
14	Percy E Conway		1	7	Inflammation of bowels
18	Samuel E Shaw	17	7	23	Consumption
28	Albert H Stonehouse	11	1	24	Scarlatina-maligna
29	Mrs Sarah B Coffin	69		10	Apoplexy
30	Jacob Thomas	67		27	Dropsy
J'y 17	Mrs Clarissa C Kent	65		9	Consumption
27	Mrs Harriet E Jennings	52			Cancer
28	James F McCaushland		1	23	Marasmus
30	Lillian E Walton		9	30	Cholera-infantum
Aug 5	Mrs Joanna Clark	74	4	7	Heart disease
7	Mrs Elizabeth Hall	73	4	18	Old age
8	Edward Keefe		5	28	Cholera-infantum
10	Elizabeth J Carver	1	3	27	Hydrocephalus
15	Marion M Glidden	1	6	13	Wh'p-cough-pneu
17	Francis G Pratt	70	6	17	Chronic nephritis and rheumatoid arthri's
17	Loramus Atwood	73	10	4	Cancer.
17	Mrs Catharine Robinson	59	9	17	Heart failure
24	Mrs Diana Eaton	93	6	5	Old age
Sept 4	Mrs Elsie H Marson	39	2	26	Cancer of kidney
6	Walter E Bump	26	3	19	Tuberculosis
15	Charlotte M Nelson	79	4		Heart disease
16	Mrs Tirzah S Gibbs	58	7		Consumption
20	Elmer Gunnell	20	7	1	"
23	Franklin M Macomber			3	Abnormal heart
27	Albert D Hall	24		5	Consumption
Oct 6	David Whitford	74			Senile insanity
6	Edward Adams	83	4		Cancer of stomach
7	Benjamin C Baker	50		8	Appendicitis-perit's
20	Mrs Huldah L Peirce	74	1	8	Senility
22	Mrs Sarah B Shaw	86	2	12	Hemorrhage
27	Edward H Driscoll	21	2	4	Consumption
29	Henry E Turner	12	6	6	Peritonitis
29	Mrs Nancy D Deane	69	4	17	Typhoid fever
31	John Witham	63	3	2	Chronic melancholia
31	Catharine A McManus		7	28	Whooping-cough
Nov 7	Luther Paul	83	5		Chronic diarrhea
17	Massaline Christian	74			Shock
10	Mrs Deborah Elliot	71	10		Internal obstruction
18	Mrs Leora F Orcutt	40	10	13	Heart disease
24	Henry H Shaw	72	11	17	Septicaemia
25	Arad Perkins	74	3	8	Chronic rheumatism
25	Caroline M Orcutt			15	Heart disease
29	Henry R Tribou	48	3		Pneumonia
30	Solomon L Washburn	74	10	20	Rheumatism compli- cated with Pneu
Dec 1	Mrs Chloe S Shaw	80	11	2	Heart disease-gang.

DEATHS. — *Concluded.*

Date	Name.	Age.			Disease.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Dec 7	Mrs Mary E Shaw	28	10	12	Phthisis
11	Mrs Sally T Britton	80	9	28	Pleurisy
10	John Shaw	69		7	Heart disease
15	Mrs Anna F Tillson	33	1	21	Consumption
15	Mrs Abigail Shaw	78	10	4	Chronic spinal m'gitis
16	Mrs Sohia M Perkins	87	2	8	Heart failure
18	Elbridge G Smith	48	8		" "
23	Mrs Leonice J Howes	42	1	23	Pneumonia
24	Jessie Bettencort	1	7	14	Brain trouble
29	Mrs Corrella Dexter	74	8	18	LaGrippe
31	Mrs Sarah A Davis	79	5		Bronchitis

SUMMARY.

The following are the statistics of Marriages, Births, and Deaths, registered in Middleborough for the year 1891.

MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages registered				69
Oldest groom	83	Oldest bride	53	
Youngest groom	20	Youngest bride	16	
First marriage of 122 persons		60 males	62 females	
Second “	16 “	9 “	7 “	
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138		69 couples.		

BIRTHS.

Number of births registered			110
Males	61	Females	49

DEATHS.

Number of deaths registered			106
Males	41	Females	65

AGES.

Stillborn	1	Under one year	11
Between 1 and 5 years	4	Between 20 and 30 years	9
" 10 " 20 "	5	" 40 " 50 "	6
" 30 " 40 "	3	" 60 " 70 "	14
" 50 " 60 "	6	" 80 " 90 "	18
" 70 " 80 "	25		
" 90 " 100 "	4		

DOGS.

Whole number of dogs licensed in 1891		458
Males	437	Females 21

C. T. THATCHER,
Town Clerk.

VOTE OF MIDDLEBOROUGH, NOV. 3, 1891.

For Governor.

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
Charles H. Allen, of Lowell	54	529	583
Charles E. Kimball, of Lynn		44	44
Harry W. Robinson, of Boston		2	2
William E. Russell, of Cambridge,	20	329	349
Henry Winn, of Malden		10	10

For Lieutenant-Governor.

John W. Corcoran, of Clinton	18	298	316
William H. Haile, of Springfield	51	523	574
George R. Peare, of Lynn		3	3
William J. Shields, of Boston	1	9	10
Augustus R. Smith, of Lee		44	44

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Joseph D. Cadle, of Westfield		13	13
Elbridge Cushman, of Lakeville	20	286	306
William M. Olin, of Boston	51	511	562
Alfred W. Richardson, of Springfield		45	45
Edward W. Theinert, of Holyoke		4	4

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

Charles Friede, of Boston		4	4
James S. Grinnell, of Greenfield	15	275	290
George A. Marden, of Lowell,	52	521	573
Samuel B. Shapleigh, of Boston		51	51
Thomas A. Watson, of Braintree	1	10	11

For Auditor.

William O. Armstrong, of Boston	.	50	50
John W. Kimball, of Fitchburg	. . . 49	507	556
Squire E. Putney, of Somerville	.	6	6
William D. T. Trefry, of Marblehead	16	278	294
William O. Wakefield, of Lynn,	.	9	9

For Attorney General.

Wolcott Hamlin, of Amherst	. . . . 1	47	48
Herbert McIntosh, of Worcester	.	11	11
Albert E. Pillsbury, of Boston	. . . 52	517	569
George M. Stearns, of Chicopee	. . . 14	274	288
James Waldock, of Boston	. . . .	2	2

For Councillor, 1st District.

Frederick A. Bradford, of New Bedford	17	273	290
Franklyn Howland, of Acushnet	.	54	54
Isaac N. Keith, of Bourne	. . . 49	507	556

For Clerk of the Courts.

Edward E. Hobart, of Bridgewater	. . . 19	343	362
Benjamin B. Howard, of W. Bridgewater	47	457	504
John Scott, of Plymouth	. . . .	45	45

For County Commissioner.

Nathan Beal, of Rockland	. . . . 2	55	57
Jedediah Dwelley, of Hanover	. . . 47	523	570
John S. Loring, of Duxbury	. . . 16	266	282
David G. Pratt, of Bridgewater	. . . . 2		2

For County Treasurer.

Thomas C. Collins, of Middleborough	18	300	318
Albert Davis, of Whitman . . .	47	498	545
Edwin Sawtell, of Brockton . . .	1	49	50

For Register of Deeds.

William Seaver Danforth, of Plymouth	48	531	579
Charles F. Reed, of Whitman . . .	15	269	284
George W. Severance, of Hanson .	1	48	49

For Senator, 2d Plymouth District.

Edward E. Herrod, of Brockton .	15	274	289
Isaac N. Nutter, of East Bridgewater .	51	516	567
Albert T. Shurtleff, of Carver .		55	55

**For Representative in General Court, Eighth
Plymouth District.**

Ephraim A. Hunt, of Middleborough,		46	46
George L. Soule, " . . .	53	540	593
Charles W. Turner " . . .	19	319	338

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution relative to the qualification of voters for governor, lieutenant governor, senators and representatives, be approved and ratified?

Yes	14	293	307
No	29	208	237

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution making a majority of

members a quorum in each branch of
the general court be approved and
ratified?

Yes	.	.	.	.	25	353	378
No	.	.	.	.	11	90	101
Whole number of votes cast in Precient 2					-	-	934
Whole number of votes cast in Precient 1					-	-	78

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH
FOR THE
YEAR 1891.

MIDDLEBOROUGH:
M. M. COPELAND, PRINTER.
1892.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Term Expires 1892.

JOHN C. SULLIVAN.

AUGUSTUS H. SOULE.

Term Expires 1893.

AUGUSTUS PRATT.

ADELINE V. WOOD.

Term Expires 1894.

ARTHUR B. ALDEN.

GEO. E. WOOD.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

JOHN C. SULLIVAN, Esq., Chairman.

W. T. LEONARD, Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

WILLARD T. LEONARD.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On Teachers: Messrs. ALDEN, SULLIVAN and Mrs. WOOD.

On Supplies: Messrs. ALDEN, WOOD and SULLIVAN.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

Schools Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, SUPERINTENDENT.

Schools Nos. 3, 4, 19, ADELINE V. WOOD.

Schools Nos. 8, 16, and School Street, ARTHUR B. ALDEN.

Schools Nos. 20, 21, 22, AUGUSTUS PRATT.

Schools Nos. 2, 6, AUGUSTUS H. SOULE.

Schools Nos. 14 and Union Street, GEO. E. WOOD.

High School, J. C. SULLIVAN.

Office of Superintendent of Schools in the Town House.

Office Hours: Mondays, 3.30 to 4.30 P.M.; Tuesdays, 8 to 9 A.M.;

Wednesdays, 12.30 to 1.30 P.M.; Thursdays, 8 to 9 A.M.;

Fridays, 3.30 to 4.30 P.M.

The regular meetings of the Committee are held on the first Thursday of each month at 2 o'clock P.M.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Middleborough:

The following Financial Report, together with that of the Superintendent, is respectfully submitted by your Committee :

INCIDENTALS.

R. E. Southworth	\$124 38
Wm. R. Whitcomb	10 08
H. N. Wilber	4 86
T. B. West & Co. . . .	3 78
F. A. Nantes	5 35
Paris Manufacturing Co. . .	18 00
E. O. Morris	6 32
New Haven Steam Heating Co. .	35 20
Lloyd Perkins, 2d	1 25
Shiverick & Thomas	221 64
A. G. Hayes	5 00
John Caples	1 93
A. H. Soule	1 50
Thomas W. Peirce	38 49
J. & G. E. Doane	47 24
F. W. Hayden	3 75
Hiram Whittemore	106 40
Dinah Blec	2 00
Charles W. Wood	3 50

James M. Coombs	.	.	.	\$17 25
B. F. Blake	.	.	.	4 38
M. O. Rounseville	.	.	.	5 50
H. L. Thatcher	.	.	.	34 00
George E. Wood	.	.	.	45
Ames Plow Co.	.	.	.	8 40
S. F. Barrows	.	.	.	3 50
Jones Brothers	.	.	.	1 00
H. C. Kendall	.	.	.	4 05
Adeline V. Wood	.	.	.	50 00
J. H. Weston	.	.	.	2 25
S. H. Frisbee	.	.	.	12 00
Henry H. Rogers	.	.	.	12 00
M. M. Copeland	.	.	.	1 85
Warren Wood	.	.	.	35 30
A. G. Whitcomb	.	.	.	191 25
Total				<hr/> \$1,023 85

TRANSPORTATION TO HIGH SCHOOL.

Arthur L. Aldrich	.	.	.	\$4 68
Estella S. Barber	.	.	.	10 16
Laura Atwood	.	.	.	10 16
Emily Fuller	.	.	.	22 31
M. Ellie Miller	.	.	.	5 50
Walter L. Morse	.	.	.	5 20
Annie M. Reed	.	.	.	8 03
Kate W. Ryder	.	.	.	22 31
Bessie A. Thompson	.	.	.	9 10
Rosa L. Allen	.	.	.	14 34

Cora T. Cushman	\$16 94
Bessie B. Gibbs	6 05
Helen S. Maxim	16 94
Ethel G. Nichols	4 43
Stella F. Thomas	22 31
Rose and Alver Clapp	3 45
Geo. Coffin	7 40
Chester W. Pratt	6 16
Clarence Ryder	6 78
Clifford T. Westgate	6 78
Harry Harvey	6 78
Jennie G. Shurtleiff	8 93
Etta F. Shaw	8 93
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	\$233 67

TRANSPORTATION FROM DISTRICTS.

M. J. Maddigan, to No. 8	\$173 00
Geo. F. Sisson, to No. 16	175 00
Arad R. Dunham, to No. 21	216 25
David N. Wetherbee, to No. 6	91 95
William Thornton, to No. 2	129 75
S. F. Atwood, to No. 10	107 30
T. J. LeBaron	6 25
H. G. Porter, from Tack factory	40 00
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	\$939 50

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Ginn & Co.	\$48 83
J. L. Hammett . . . , .	35 54
American Book Co. . . .	175 65
Thorp & Adams Mfg. Co. . .	20 96
E. H. Butler & Co. . . .	8 00
Thompson, Brown & Co. . .	145 66
Geo. F. King & Merrill . .	128 52
H. L. Thatcher & Co. . . .	5 55
Geo. S. Perry	57 05
Boston School Supply Co. . .	39 80
F. W. Hayden	3 00
Interstate Publishing Co. . .	19 15
New England Publishing Co. .	5 40
D. C. Heath & Co.	70 77
Carl Schoenhof	3 06
W. E. Barry	7 15
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn . .	72 65
D. Appleton & Co.	6 00
J. S. F. Huddleston	20 00
Silver, Burdette & Co. . . .	20 84
Allyn & Bacon	3 50
Educational Supply Co. . . .	3 90
Lee & Shepard	33 21
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Total	\$934 19

EXPENSES FOR INSTRUCTION, FUEL, AND CARE OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Waterville	\$291 70
Green	318 20
Nemasket	316 65
Thompsonville	309 90
Thomastown	294 47
South Middleboro	312 80
Highland	301 10
Rock	321 07
Fall Brook	322 60
Wappannucket	264 10
Purchade	332 80
Plymouth street	306 40
Pleasant street	350 07
Centre (including proportion of fuel and janitor's salary in high school building)	4,956 52
High school	2,508 00
Total	<u>\$11,544 38</u>

SUMMARY.

Balance from last year	\$48 20
General appropriation	11,500 00
Incidentals	2,000 00
Superintendent	1,200 00
Text books and supplies	1,000 00
Received from the State	49 33
Total	<u>\$15,797 53</u>

Expended for instruction, fuel and care of school-houses	\$11,544 38
Expended for incidentals	1,023 85
“ Superintendent	1,135 00
“ Text books and supplies	934 19
“ Transportation to high school	233 67
“ “ to other schools	939 50
Total	<hr/> \$15,810 59

Examined and found correct :

I. F. ATWOOD, *Auditor*.

We submit the following as the amount necessary to meet the expenses of the schools for the coming year, including superintendency : \$16,500 00

Having approved the following report of the Superintendent, we respectfully ask your attention to the same.

J. C. SULLIVAN.

AUGUSTUS PRATT.

AUGUSTUS H. SOULE.

GEO. E. WOOD.

A. B. ALDEN.

ADELINE V. WOOD.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee of Middleborough :

Gentlemen, — In compliance with the requirement of your regulations, I respectfully submit the following report of the public Schools under your charge. It is the seventh of this department, and covers the time from January 1 to December 31, 1891.

The schools are the most important trust of the town : their cost is more than any other single item of expense ; their interests, both in the immediate present and in the future, far outweigh all others. These interests can best be served by entire trust and harmony on the part of all ; and it is a matter of congratulation that so cordial relations exist between officers, teachers and pupils, and that the schools receive the hearty support of the people.

Real progress in education is a slow growth, and time is a very important factor. Even in cases when reform seemed desirable we have endeavored to avoid abrupt changes, but while utilizing whatever of good there may be in means and method, to work gradually towards a high and uniform standard. In this way, it is hoped, continuous advancement may be made.

The general statistics are given at this point.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

I. POPULATION.

Population of Middleborough, census of 1890	6,065
Number of children between the ages of 5 and 15, residing in Middleborough, May, 1891 .	853
Decrease from report of 1890 . . .	61

II. SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Number of buildings occupied . . .	16
Number of buildings unoccupied . . .	4
Number of rooms occupied	29
Number of rooms unoccupied	4
Number of sittings :	
High school	178
Grammar schools, grades 6-10 .	282
Primary schools, grades 1-5 . .	318
Ungraded schools	441
Total	1219

III. SCHOOLS.

High school	1
Grammar schools	5
Primary schools	6
Ungraded schools	11
Total	23

IV. TEACHERS.

High school teachers	3
Grammar school teachers	6

Primary school teachers	6
Ungraded school teachers	11
Training teachers	6
Total number of teachers employed	<hr/> 32
Number of teachers employed who are graduates of a normal school or college	8
Number of teachers employed who are gradu- ates of the Middleborough high school	7
Number of teachers employed who have attended college, normal or training school	13

V. PUPILS.

Number of children between 5 and 15, May, 1891	853
Decrease	61
Whole number of pupils registered in public schools	1027
Increase	49
Number of pupils registered under 5 years	9
Number of pupils registered between 5 and 8 yrs.	255
“ “ “ “ 8 and 14 yrs.	578
“ “ “ “ 14 and 15 yrs.	65
“ “ “ “ 15 and 16 yrs.	54
“ “ “ over 16 yrs.	66
Total	<hr/> 1027
Average number of pupils belonging to day schools	786
Average daily attendance	720.27

Average per cent. of attendance to number be- longing	91.6
Number of pupils in the village	641
Number of half days' absence	35,319
Number of cases of tardiness	1,934
Number of cases dismissal	1,414
Number of cases truancy	12

VI. FINANCIAL.

Total cost of the schools	\$15,810 59
Cost per pupil, on whole enrollment	15 39
Cost per pupil, on average number belonging	20 11

EXPENDITURES.

The total cost of the schools the past year has been \$15,810.59. The discrepancy between these figures and those of the Town Treasurer arises from the fact that last year the School committee's books were kept open in some accounts until February 7, 1891, and the Town Treasurer closed the year December 31. Also bills approved by the School committee, may not be paid until the following year.

The incidental expenses of the office, the small sums for books bought or sold there, and the amounts received for tuition do not appear in the reports, but pass under the eye of the auditor, and are used for any special purpose the Committee may designate. Last year a piano for the high school was thus purchased with the accumulations of several years.

The total cost, \$15,810.59, is less by \$231.03, than the same totals last year, and arises from the fact that this year less extended repairs were needed. The cost of schooling proper has been \$658.60 more the past year, and is due to the greater amount of coal required by the new system of heating and ventilation; the increased amount of transportation; and the salary of an additional teacher required in the School street building. These amounts must go higher next year, for our enrollment now is 49 more than last year, and the number in the Centre schools is still more largely increased. The training school has over 90 enrolled, and the past term cost the salary of only one teacher, but for a portion of the year, at least, paid assistants must be employed. The cost per pupil the past year has been, on the whole enrollment, \$15.39; on the average number belonging, \$20.11. The year before these items were \$16.40 and \$22.57 respectively. A liberal policy in school appropriations is wise and is sanctioned by business prudence as well as far-reaching sagacity. Rigid economy in its truest sense does not mean or imply the withholding of anything which is needed to maintain the high standard of our schools. The Committee have kept this constantly in view and there has been no waste or extravagance.

The great object of the schools is to prepare the children for future usefulness. While not wholly ignoring the physical and the moral, their main work is a careful and patient training of the mind. All their energies are bent in this direction; the studies are arranged with reference to this, and those books selected which will best facilitate the purpose; each subject is so treated as to be a preparation for

something higher, and nothing is allowed that does not harmonize with what precedes and follows. With a true appreciation of their opportunities by both teachers and pupils, the training will be such as will best prepare for the real work of the future. "Life is real, life is earnest," and in this real, earnest life, hard work, persistent toil, holds the first place. No greater lesson than this can be learned. Success in school life depends upon this principle. Let the underlying principles of a new truth be fully explained and clearly understood, but in the application the pupil must do the work.

TRAINING SCHOOL.

A feature of special prominence the past year has been the establishment of a training school. Teaching is fast becoming a profession, demanding special qualifications and preparation. Not every young woman who passes through our schools possesses the necessary qualifications, and not every high school graduate is fitted to teach. None but those who have made careful preparation can expect to survive the keen competition and meet the demands of this enlightened age; and of these only those who are of such a progressive tendency as will enable them to keep in the van of educational movements. To enable our graduates to obtain this preparation by special training and practice under the direction of a superior teacher, and by special study of the psychological principles upon which the art of teaching is based, together with the history of the educational movements of the past, is the special object of our training school. This will also enable us to meet the con-

stant drain upon our schools by superintendents and committees from the cities taking some of our best teachers by the payment of higher salaries.

Occupying this important position in our educational system, a word about the methods employed may be desirable.

The work of the first years in school is just as definite and exact as that of any in the grammar and high school, and the possibilities of these years in the development of the child's mind and in its attainments are a revelation to those who have never witnessed them.

No argument is needed at the present day to convince one that the word or sentence method of teaching reading is correct in principle, is much richer in results, saves time and gains mental power. In this method the thought is the important thing, and the words and sentences are but the natural expression of the ideas.

The work of the teacher of the lowest grade is developing thought in the mind of the pupil and calling out the correct expression of that thought in a complete sentence. No word is taught until the thought it represents is fully understood and then repetition makes the word familiar. Objects, pictures, illustrations and stories stimulate thought. Books are not needed, for all the teaching is from the blackboard. Happy is that teacher who can quickly and accurately represent in a drawing the particular thing desired. The scholars soon learn to copy the words upon their ruled slates and combine them into short stories. Thus the development of the idea and its oral expression go hand in hand. In a few months the pupil has a vocabulary of one or two hundred words which he thoroughly understands and can

combine at will into sentences. He is now ready for a first reader and finds no difficulty in applying the oral expression to the printed symbols of ideas already known. He has learned to read by a natural and rational method, and uses the easy parts of two or three books during the first year, the teacher in every instance developing the thought suggested by a new word. The classes come to the recitation without having seen the lesson, eager to read a new story. What by the old way was an irksome task has become a delight, while the practical results have been largely increased.

In number the advance is very marked. A modification of the Grube method is in successful operation in our primary rooms. By this method the four fundamental rules, together with fractions, are simultaneously taught. In the lower rooms the pupils deal with real things, and ideas of number and their relations are acquired by the use of blocks which are daily handled. From these the children make up examples or stories and the constant repetitions necessary partake of the nature of real business. Great interest is manifested and what was formerly dull routine is now instinct with life and mental energy. All possible combinations with each number are taught before proceeding to the next. The numbers from one to ten, with combinations and many practical examples furnish ample work for the first year. Thus, with no book, by easy stages, the skilful primary teacher inducts her class into the mysteries of number, and lays a sure foundation for the future successful pursuit of the science.

The same general plan is followed during the next year

and the primary school finds the pupil well started in written arithmetic. Large numbers of concrete examples and many practical problems are given even in the first year, and the pupils are made familiar with dry and liquid measures, inches, feet and yard by actual measurements, as well as by the many problems involving a knowledge of those terms.

A child begins to write immediately on entering school, at first with slate and pencil, soon with paper, while the third year finds him using pen and ink with regular copy-books. His writing now is quite commendable, for he has had already two years' practice with slate and paper, while much of his reading has been that of script from the board. He has been taught to hold his slate pencil, as well as his lead pencil, exactly as he would a pen; he is familiar with the slant and form of the letters; he has been taught position, so that now he has his attention directed only to the ink in doing what he has done many times before with pencil.

The oral instruction is a very important feature, and includes lessons to develop the ideas of color, form, and the qualities of objects; conversations and lessons on familiar plants and animals; lessons on the human body and observations of nature and common things. No time is better spent than in this way, or yields more valuable results, not more from the knowledge actually acquired than from the method employed, and the habit of careful investigation and scientific inquiry. By this means, in the higher grades, the elements of science may be taught so as to prove of great value in the pursuit of this study in the high school or col-

lege, while those who leave school may obtain a knowledge of common things useful in the practical concerns of life. Year by year these lessons go deeper and broader, till at the end of the course the pupil has no small knowledge of familiar things, and has habits of scientific thought which are invaluable.

The intelligent observer will notice in the work of the school that no attempt is made to amuse the children or give busy work simply with a view to keep them out of mischief, but that the time of all the pupils is fully occupied in lines of work which have a positive educational value; in ways which not only advance their interests in their present studies, but lay a broad foundation for future efforts.

I have dwelt thus at length upon the work in this school and grade because the other schools are striving to do similar work, and the upper grades will supplement and carry forward the same lines and follow the same general principles as soon as practicable.

READING.

In the upper grades the principle outlined above is carried out. Pronouncing correctly the words of a selection in the order in which they occur is not reading. The ability to grasp and retain the thought of a passage read is a very different thing from the power to call the words correctly, and is obtained only after repeated trials and persistent drill. Yet, when we consider how large a proportion of our information is obtained in this way, its importance is readi-

ly seen. Even in the high school pupils are hampered by their lack of facility in grasping the author's thought.

ATTENDANCE.

One of the most important matters connected with schools is the attendance. Even moderate success is hardly possible unless a good attendance is secured. Some teachers secure this by their zealous work in the school room as well as by personal effort with individual pupils and parents. Teachers who have never made special efforts in this direction are not aware how much power they have in increasing the attendance and raising the standard of the room. There have been in our schools the past year 35,319 half days' absence; that is, there has been an average absence, for every school day, of pupils sufficient to form three schools of more than thirty scholars each. It should be said in this connection that this sum represents the actual number of half-days' absence from the time a pupil enters the school until he leaves. No deductions are made for a prolonged illness or any cause whatever. If he is absent, he is marked and reckoned accordingly.

Of course much of the absence is really necessary, and of this no teacher will complain, but, looking at the totals for the past year, we believe that fully one-half is due to causes within the parents' control. If all parents were fully alive to the great importance of this subject, to the influence they can exert upon the success of their children and the school, there would be a change for the better, for we believe that, if their attention be directed to the existing

condition, the proper remedy will be applied and the evil removed. Punctual and regular attendance is of first importance if we would have the children form good habits, and receive the benefits, in a disciplinary and educational point of view, which the schools are prepared to give.

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

Although physiology and hygiene have been included in the studies of the schools, yet comparatively little has been done, and we shall start the next year with an effort to give these branches the attention that their importance demands. "The primary object desired is that the pupils in our schools shall be thoroughly informed as to—first, the physical, mental and moral consequences of narcotic habits; and, second, that they shall understand such other laws of health as will teach them how to care for their bodies."

"Good health is one of the safeguards not only against suffering but also against crime. Vicious habits often result from a lack of knowledge of the laws of health, while both physical and mental health are frequently impaired by conditions which a proper understanding of hygiene would obviate."

It is not expected that the instruction will partake of the scientific and technical character of special schools, but give a practical, common-sense view of these subjects. The instruction which, from the nature of the case, is general the first year, should become more and more exact and definite as the pupil becomes prepared for it. Such a course should give a pupil a knowledge of the fundamental truths

of this science which he may use throughout his life in preserving his health and in preventing disease.

STATUTE LAWS.

In order that all may fully understand the law concerning the following matters, and the authority by which the school officers are governed, the statutes relating to the same are quoted. These laws are of especial interest to all, for everything that relates to the lives and health of our children is of vital importance. All also should be equally interested in the impartial enforcement of all laws and regulations adopted for the best interests of our people.

The Legislation of 1885 passed the following act :

An Act to prevent the spread of contagious diseases through the public schools.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

Chapter sixty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four is hereby amended so that it shall read as follows : The school committee shall not allow any pupil to attend the public schools while any member of the household, to which such pupil belongs, is sick of small-pox, diphtheria, or scarlet fever, or during a period of two weeks after the death, recovery, or removal of such sick person ; and any person coming from such household shall be required to present to the teacher of the school the pupil desires to attend, a certificate from the attending physician or board of health, of the facts necessary to entitle him to admission in accordance with the above regulation.

[Approved April 29, 1885.]

Small-pox, diphtheria and scarlet fever are the only diseases included in the statute; other ailments incident to childhood, as measles and whooping-cough, are left to the discretion of those immediately concerned.

Chapter 47, Section 9, of the Revised Statutes reads as follows: "The school committee shall not allow a child who has not been duly vaccinated, to be admitted to, or connected with, the public schools."

The act relative to the attendance of children in the schools—amended in 1890—reads as follows:—

Section I. Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, and such attendance shall continue for at least thirty weeks of the school year, if the schools are kept open that length of time, with an allowance of two weeks' time for absences not excused by the superintendent of schools, or the school committee, and for every neglect of such duty the person offending shall, upon the complaint of the school committee or truant officer, forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but if such child has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or has already acquired the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render

such attendance inexpedient or impracticable, such penalties will not be incurred. Approved Jan. 4, 1891.

An act, approved March 21, 1890, provides that "In all the public schools of the Commonwealth the last regular session prior to Memorial Day, or a portion thereof, shall be devoted to exercises of a patriotic nature."

AVERAGE AGE.

	Yrs.	Mos.
Average age of pupils, first class, high school,	17	3
“ “ second class “	17	4
“ “ third class “	16	2
“ “ fourth class “	15	5
“ “ first class, grammar school	14	5½
“ “ second class “	13	9
“ “ third class “	13	2
“ “ fourth class “	12	8½
“ “ fifth class “	11	5½

This table gives the average age of the pupils in the high and grammar schools.

CHANGES OF TEACHERS.

The following changes of teachers occurred at the close of the school year in June ; in most instances by the offer of better positions elsewhere :

Miss Myra Coffin,
 “ N. M. Morse,
 “ Myra Cushing,

Miss Lizzie H. Drew,
“ Jenny M. Clark,
“ Helen A. Nevers,
“ Lillie H. Thornton,
“ Nellie F. Thomas,—Dec. 19.

These teachers had served the town faithfully and in some instances for several years. Their places have been filled by experienced teachers and their work in the schools justifies the wisdom of the selections.

To all who by their sympathy and co-operation show their interest in our schools, our most cordial thanks are due.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD T. LEONARD,

Superintendent of Schools.

Middleborough, Jan. 1, 1891.

APPENDIX B.

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF THE MIDDLEBOROUGH HIGH
SCHOOL, 1891.*Order Of Exercises.*

Prayer.

Oration, — The Province of History,	Estella S. Barber.
Essay, — Decaying New England Villages,	Emma N. Phinney.
*Essay, — Woman's Courage,	Eleanor A. Barden.
Piano Solo,	Gertrude A. Bearse.
Class History,	Ida M. Pettee.
Declamation, — Tom's Little Star,	Amy C. Clark.
*Essay, — The Civil War,	George A. Robbins.
Vocal Solo, — The Ferryman,	Arleen Hackett.
Oration, — Temperance,	Alice H. Chace.
Essay, — Influence of Character and Sur- roundings upon Life,	Grace I. Paun.
*Essay, — Tact,	Mabel H. Monroe.
Music,	Orchestra.
Latin Declamation, — The Regatta,	Harriet B. Sylvester.
Essay, — Free Trade,	Mary E. Robbins.
*Essay, — Practical Arts,	Annie M. Reed.
Music,	Orchestra.
French Declamation, — The Miser's Soliloquy,	Ida M. Pettee.
Declamation, — The Angels of Buena Vista,	Martha E. Ashley.
*Essay — Customs of the Colonists,	Edith L. Barrows.

Vocal Solo,	Mattie Carter.
Class Prophecy,	Harriet B. Sylvester.
Essay, — School Life,	Rozella L. Clapp.
Music,	Orchestra.
Presentation of Diplomas	J. C. Sullivan, Esq.
Benediction.	

* Excused.

GRADUATES OF 1891.

Martha Eudora Ashley.	Grace Irving Paun.
Estella Spring Barber.	Ida May Pettee.
Eleanor Austin Barden.	Emma Nichols Phinney.
Edith Lothrop Barrows.	Annie Maria Reed.
Alice Hayden Chace.	Mary Emeline Robbins.
Amy Citoyenne Clark.	George Albert Robbins.
Rozella Laurens Clapp.	Harriet Barden Sylvester.
Mabel Howard Monroe.	

APPENDIX C.

SCHOOL CALENDER, 1892.

Winter term commences	. . . . .	Jan. 4.
closes	. . . . .	March 25.
vacation	. . . . .	one week.
Spring term commences	. . . . .	April 4.
closes	. . . . .	June 24.
vacation	. . . . .	ten weeks.

Fall term commences	.	.	.	.	.	Sept. 6.
closes	.	.	.	.	.	Dec. 23.
vacation	.	.	.	.	.	two weeks.

SCHOOL SESSIONS.

High and village schools, 9-12 A.M. ; 1.30-3.30 P.M.

Suburban schools, 9-12 A.M. ; 1-3 P.M.

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT
FOR THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

To be held in Town Hall, MONDAY, March 7, 1892, at 8.30 o'clock.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers; the following officers to be voted for all on one ballot, viz: one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Collector, thirteen Constables, three Fish Wardens, one Auditor, three Fence Viewers, all for one year each; one Overseer of the Poor for three years, one for two years, and one for one year; one Selectman, one Assessor, two members of the School Committee, and three Trustees of the Public Library, all for three years each. The polls for the election of these officers will be open at 9 o'clock a.m., and will not be closed before 1 o'clock p.m.

Art. 3. To vote by ballot, "Yes," or "No," in answer to the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Art. 4. To raise such sums of money, by tax or otherwise, as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year, appropriate the same, and to act anything in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes for the year.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote that the yards of persons chosen Field Drivers shall be town pounds so long as they remain in office, provided they shall be chosen pound-keepers.

Art. 6. To hear the reports of any of the officers or committees of the town, and act thereon.

Art. 7. To allow accounts against the town, or act thereon.

Art. 8. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes the present year, and act thereon.

Art. 9. To see if the town will pay the expense of a Night-watch in the Four Corners Village, and act thereon.

Art. 10. To dispose of the money received for "dog licenses," and all other licenses the present year, and act thereon.

Art. 11. To see if the town will appropriate any money to be expended by Post 8, G. A. R., on Memorial Day, and act thereon.

Art. 12. To see what action the town will take in relation to sprinkling the streets.

Art. 13. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as reported by the Selectmen, and act thereon.

Art. 14. To see if the town will pay their School Committee for their services the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Art. 15. To take action in relating to the taking of fish in the ponds leased by the Fish Commissioners to the towns of Middleborough, Lakeville, Rochester and Freetown.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to further extend its system of sewers, and act thereon.

Art. 17. To see if the town will make any appropriation towards the monument proposed to be erected in North Middleborough to the memory of Isaac Backus; or act anything thereon. (By request.)

Art. 18. To see if the town will borrow money to pay for its subscription to the shares of the capital stock of the Plymouth and Middleborough Railroad Company, and fix the amount of such loan and pass the necessary votes to authorize the issue of the town's notes therefor.

Art. 19. To hear the report of the committee to present a device for a corporate seal for the use of the town, and act thereon.

Art. 20. To hear the report of the committee on petitions for new roads at Nemasket Village, and also in relation to moving the school house in that district, and act thereon.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.,
FOR THE
YEAR 1892.



MIDDLEBOROUGH:
PRINTED FOR THE TOWN.
1893.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1892.

Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector.

CHARLES T. THATCHER.

Selectmen and Assessors.

ALBERT T. SAVERY	Term expires 1893
JARED F. ALDEN	" " 1894
JOSEPH E. BEALS	" " 1895

Overseers of Poor.

CHARLES T. THATCHER	Term expires 1893
SYLVANUS MENDALL	" " 1894
ANDREW C. WOOD	" " 1895

School Committee.

AUGUSTUS PRATT	Term expires 1893
ADELINE V. WOOD	" " 1893
ARTHUR B. ALDEN	" " 1894
GEORGE E. WOOD	" " 1894
JOHN C. SULLIVAN	" " 1895
AUGUSTUS H. SOULE	" " 1895

Superintendent of Schools.

WILLARD T. LEONARD.

Constables.

LEANDER M. ALDEN.	GEORGE W. HAMMOND.
EDWARD BRYANT.	BENJAMIN W. BUMP.
SYLVANUS W. BUMP.	HERBERT L. LEONARD.
JOHN W. FLANSBURG.	SAMUEL S. LOVELL.
EVERETT T. LINCOLN.	FRED. C SPARROW.
SYLVANUS MENDALL.	NATHAN B. MAXIM.

CHARLES C. TINKHAM.

Superintendent of Streets.

WILLIAM B. WOOD.

Registrars of Voters.

NATHAN KING	Term expires 1893
THOMAS C. COLLINS	" " 1894
CHARLES H. CARPENTER	" " 1895
CHARLES T. THATCHER, TOWN CLERK, <i>Ex-officio</i> .	

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

For the Year ending Dec. 31, 1892.

Voted by the town for the support of schools, including school books, incidentals, and Super- intendent's salary . . .		\$16,500 00
School Committee's salaries . . .		150 00
Support of poor . . .		5,000 00
Support of insane . . .		800 00
Military aid . . .		600 00
Soldiers' relief . . .		200 00
Town officers . . .		2,500 00
Incidental expenses . . .		1,000 00
Lighting streets . . .		3,500 00
G. A. R. for Memorial Day . . .		150 00
Town House Committee, ex- pense account . . .		600 00
Repairs to town hall and stage . . .		1,000 00
Water supply by fire dis- trict . . .		1,500 00
Town debt, note due . . .		5,000 00
Interest . . .		3,200 00
Board of Health . . .		200 00
Highway Department . . .		14,000 00

Concrete sidewalks	\$500 00	
Night watch and police	900 00	
New streets, and moving Ne- market schoolhouse	2,500 00	
Sewer	5,000 00	
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Total appropriations voted		\$64,800 00
Authorized a sewer loan, payable November 1, 1901		5,000 00
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		\$59,800 00
Less corporation and bank taxes (estimated)		6,400 00
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Voted to be assessed by the town	\$53,400 00	
State tax assessed by the town	3,045 00	
County tax assessed by the town	5,087 73	
Non-resident bank tax assessed	135 19	
Overlaying	632 39	
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Total taxes assessed		\$62,300 31
Poll taxes assessed	\$3,816 00	
Taxes on personal property	9,776 35	
Taxes on real estate	48,572 77	
Non-resident bank tax	135 19	
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		\$62,300 31
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Number of polls assessed, 1908 ; added after registration, 29 ; assessed erroneously, 2 ; total number of polls, 1935.		
Valuation of buildings, excluding land	\$1,736,670	
Valuation of land, excluding buildings	1,396,938	
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Total valuation of real estate	\$3,133,608	
Valuation of personal estate	630 653	
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Total valuation, 1892	\$3,764,261
Rate of tax per \$1000	<u>\$15 50</u>
Persons, firms, &c., assessed on property, residents	1,345
Persons, firms, &c., assessed on property, non-residents	284
Persons assessed for poll tax only	<u>952</u>
Total number of persons, firms, &c., assessed	2,581
Number of horses assessed	967
" cows	782
" sheep	24
" neat-cattle other than cows	230
" swine	110
" dwelling houses assessed	1,339
" acres of land assessed	40,075
" fowl assessed	8,786
Value of fowl assessed	\$3,073
Population of the town, 1890	6,065
Amount of taxes remitted for 1885,	\$2 00
" " " 1886,	13 26
" " " 1887,	35 50
" " " 1888,	29 16
" " " 1889,	113 29
" " " 1890,	91 58
" " " 1891,	96 75
" " " 1892,	37 36
Taxes remitted after being paid, for 1891	14 12
Taxes remitted after being paid, for 1892	<u>15 50</u>

Total taxes remitted and refunded . \$448 52

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT T. SAVERY,

JOSEPH E. BEALS,

JARED F. ALDEN,

Assessors.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, January, 1893.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

For the Year ending Dec. 31, 1892.

The Selectmen have drawn orders upon the Town Treasurer for the amounts hereinafter given, under the several appropriations made by the town. These amounts will not in all cases balance with the amounts paid by the Treasurer, as some of his payments made in 1892 were for orders drawn in 1891, and other orders drawn in 1892 had not been paid when the books were closed for the year.

TOWN OFFICERS AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Appropriation for town officers and committees	\$2,500 00
Appropriation for School Committee services	150 00
" Incidental expenses	1,000 00
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	\$3,650 00

Orders drawn :

A. T. Savery, Selectman and Assessor, 1892	\$235 00
A. T. Savery, use of team	101 70
J. E. Beals, Selectman and Assessor, 1892	370 00
J. E. Beals, sundry expenses paid	15 28
J. F. Alden, Selectman and Assessor	287 50
J. F. Alden, use of team	107 50
J. F. Alden, travelling expenses	7 95

A. C. Wood, Overseer of Poor .	\$167 00
C. T. Thatcher, " " " .	34 00
S. Mendall, Overseer of Poor .	63 75
C. T. Thatcher, Treasurer and Collector	550 00
C. T. Thatcher, registrar of vot- ers, and expenses	46 75
C. H. Carpenter, registrar of vot- ers, and copying	48 85
T. C. Collins, registrar of voters	32 50
Nathan King, " " " .	28 75
A. M. Wood, " " " .	2 50
C. T. Thatcher, recording births, marriages, and deaths, 1891, .	84 45
I. F. Atwood, Auditor for 1891 .	15 00
W. H. Southworth, Moderator .	15 00
Election officers and expenses, March, 1892	35 75
Election officers and expenses, Precinct 1, November, 1892 .	18 00
Election officers and expenses, Pre- cinct 2, November, 1892 . . .	75 30
A. H. Soule, School Committee, 1891	25 00
A. B. Alden, School Committee, 1891	25 00
J. C. Sullivan, School Committee, 1891	25 00
Augustus Pratt, School Commit- tee, 1891	25 00
A. V. Wood, School Committee, 1891	25 00
George E. Wood, School Commit- tee, 1891	25 00

\$2,492 53

George Soule, returning deaths, 1891	\$22 50
M. M. Copeland, town reports .	143 34
Jas. M. Coombs, printing and adv.	153 08
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing .	146 20
M. M. Copeland, advertising .	96 75
C. T. Thatcher, recording town meetings, road decrees, &c. .	21 30
C. T. Thatcher, administering oaths	6 00
E. D. Robinson, Assessors' plans	94 50
F. W. R. Emery, binding Assess- ors' books	22 00
Mrs. A. M. Wood, copying for Assessors	58 40
Alice M. Alden, do do	14 95
Harriet B. Sylvester, copying .	10 95
I. F. Atwood, assistance to Assess- ors	25 00
C. W. Drake, stationery, &c. .	4 32
Bay State Straw Works, sewer pipe bill in 1885	44 00
George W. Stetson, legal services	2 50
N. Washburn, " " .	5 00
Middleboro Water Works, labor of men moving watering trough	46 97
T. W. Pierce, labor, pipe, [and material for moving watering trough	18 72
T. W. Pierce, miscellaneous .	46 40
L. S. Bailey, forest fire bills .	5 30
J. K. Bishop, " " " .	7 00
Z. E. Phinney, injuries from acci- dent on sidewalk	100 00

Fanny S. Hall, injuries from accident on sidewalk	\$125 00	
I. F. Atwood, committee on Everett street	10 00	
M. H. Cushing, committee on Everett street	10 00	
George R. Sampson, do do	10 00	
S. B. Pratt & Co., Assessors' schedules	2 75	
Russell & Richardson, engraving and electros for seal	19 60	
R. J. Nourse, repairing pump at Titicut	4 95	
William F. Dean, voting stalls	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,283 48
Total, town officers and incidentals		<hr/> \$3,776 01

WATER SUPPLY.

Appropriated	\$1,500 00
Orders drawn :	
Middleboro Water Works	1,500 00

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Balance from 1891	\$344 38
Appropriated 1892	500 00
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The appropriation for the year has been spent, but the bills were not presented until after the books were closed for the year.

NIGHT WATCH AND POLICE.

Appropriated		\$900 00
Orders drawn :		
Herbert L. Leonard, night watch	\$720 00	
Herbert L. Leonard, keeper of lockup to May 1, 1892	12 00	
Herbert L. Leonard, feeding pris- oners	38 00	
Edward Bryant, police service . .	26 00	
E. T. Lincoln " "	12 00	
S. S. Lovell, notifying town offi- cers, &c.	10 60	
S. Mendall, services as constable	7 50	
John W. Flansburg, services as constable on the Frazer suicide	5 00	
James A. Burgess, Sunday police, 1891	13 00	
James A. Burgess, on dog war- rant, 1891	15 00	
James A. Burgess, on dog war- rant, 1892	15 00	
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TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

Appropriated for general expense account . .	\$600 00
" for repairs, &c.	1,000 00
Received for rent of hall	755 50
" " rooms	405 00
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	\$2,760 50

Orders drawn and bills paid by agent :

A. M. Wood and B. F. Johnson, agent and janitor of hall	\$468 00
Sunday bills for repairs, supplies, and cleaning	107 38

Washburn & Parker, coal . . .	\$258 41	
Middleboro Gas & Electric Co., gas bills	305 71	
Middleboro Gas & Electric Co., electric bills	127 86	
Middleboro Gas & Electric Co., electric lamps	48 75	
B. F. Johnson, care of lawn . . .	25 00	
A. G. Hayes, care of sewerage, town hall	5 00	
W. T. Leonard, dressing for lawn	2 00	
H. Whittemore, plans for altera- tions	15 00	
Wheeler Reflector Co., wiring hall	190 00	
Lloyd Perkins, 2d, radiators and repairs	44 30	
George C. Richards, marble for radiator	14 70	
L. J. Couch & Co., scenery . . .	339 50	
Stereo-Relief Decorative Co. . .	41 00	
Kern & Wright, painting and dec- orating	790 26	
W. H. Southworth, lumber and labor	401 52	
E. Jones, Jr., painting	324 27	
E. T. Jenks, repairing gas fix- tures	4 60	
	<hr/>	\$3,513 26

Upon beginning the work of repairing and renovating the hall, the walls were found in such a condition that much more work was necessary than was at first anticipated. Having begun the work, the committee thought it best to do it in such a manner that it would be lasting, believing

that in the end it would prove most satisfactory to the people of the town.

The stage having been fitted with new curtains and scenery, it was thought that safety in lighting it would be better secured by electric lights than by the more inflammable gas jets. Accordingly an order was given to the Wheeler Reflector Company to fit it up with electric lights. The bill when presented seemed so large that payment was deferred, and at the time of closing the books for 1892 had not been paid. It has since been settled by the payment of \$580.70.

The committee are aware that they have exceeded their appropriations, but they feel that the town would be satisfied with nothing less than has been done. The acoustic properties have been much improved, and we now have a hall that is a pride and an honor to the town.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation		\$200 00
Orders drawn:		
Samuel S. Lovell, cleaning sewers	\$56 46	
James A. Burgess, diphtheria and scarlet fever cases	47 92	
Levi F. Tinkham, cleaning schoolhouse vaults	7 25	
J. F. Alden, services and ex- penses	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$115 63

PLYMOUTH AND MIDDLEBORO R.R.

Appropriation undrawn from last year	\$17,999 00
Orders drawn:	

Payments on account of subscrip- tion to stock	\$17,999 00
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SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation	\$200 00
Orders drawn :	
Mary Agnes Thayer	\$120 00
Ellen Croacher	12 50
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, on ac- count of Charles Mitchell	102 14
L. Lincoln & Son, for aid fur- nished John F. Goldsboro	7 00
Dr. T. S. Hodgson, medical at- tendance for George Powers	12 25
James L. Jenney, supplies for Charles Pittsley	16 00
M. H. Cushing & Co., supplies for Stephen Hammond	5 00
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	\$274 89
Collected or due from other towns	82 50
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	\$192 39

HERRING ACCOUNT.

Received from sale of herring	\$345 00
Received from towns on Taunton River for inspection at East Taunton	130 00
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	\$475 00

Orders drawn :

Allen B. Thomas, services at East Taunton	\$100 00
Herbert L. Leonard, services at East Taunton	10 00

A. T. Savery, services and ex- penses on the river and at East Taunton		\$6 64	
J. E. Beals, do do		6 14	
J. F. Alden, do do		8 64	
Dinners for herring committee .		4 00	
L. B. Murdock at shovel works dam		3 50	
		<hr/>	\$138 92
To divide with Lakeville			<hr/> \$336 08

Middleboro's share, \$298.04; Lakeville's share, \$38.04.
Paid Lakeville its share for 1890 and 1891, \$75.75.

The bill for putting herring above the dam in 1891, as ordered by a member of the State Fish Commission, is still unpaid. A mud-sill has been laid across the old raceway, on which to put a grating to prevent the herring from going up the wrong channel, and to help them to find the fish-way.

SEWER.

The Selectmen have expended the appropriation for sewers the past year very nearly on the lines of the original plans, with some necessary extensions. The details of the work done are as follows: —

HIGH STREET, FROM OAK TO CENTRE.

Number of feet of pipe laid, 10-inch	526.6
1 manhole.	

EVERETT STREET, FROM CENTRE TO ARCH.

Number of feet of pipe laid, 10-inch	834.8
Pipe for catch-basins, 8-inch	61.25
3 manholes and 3 catch-basins.	

FOREST STREET, FROM CENTRE TO ARCH.

Number of feet of pipe laid, 8-inch	.	.	781.4
Pipe for catch-basins, 8-inch	.	.	31.25
2 manholes and 1 catch-basin.			

SOUTHWICK STREET.

Number of feet of pipe laid, 8-inch	.	.	602.
Pipe for catch-basins, 8-inch	.	.	26.25
1 manhole and 1 catch-basin.			

ELM STREET, FROM COURTLAND.

Number of feet of pipe laid, 8-inch	.	.	198.5
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PEARL STREET, FROM HIGH STREET NORTHERLY.

Number of feet of pipe laid, 8-inch	.	.	320.2
1 manhole.			

UNION STREET, FROM HIGH STREET TO SCHOOLHOUSE.

Number of feet of pipe laid, 8-inch	.	.	295.7
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CENTRE STREET, FROM HIGH STREET TO GEO. C. RICHARDS.

Number of feet of pipe laid, 8-inch	.	.	261.
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CLIFFORD STREET.

Number of feet of pipe laid, 8-inch	.	.	8.
Pipe for catch-basin	.	.	15.75
1 catch-basin.			
Total number of feet laid, all sizes	.	.	3,962.7

The financial statement is as follows:—

Appropriated by the town (sewer loan)	.	.	\$5,000 00
Charges for permits to enter sewer	.	.	1,205 00
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			\$6,205 00

Orders drawn :

M. O. Rounseville, laying pipe	\$4,016 51	
J. & G. E. Doane, pipe furnished .	926 75	
L. A. Taylor, engineering and inspection	488 10	
Le Baron Foundry Co., sewer covers	71 60	
D. W. Lewis, castings for catch- basins	46 40	
Coleman Sewer Trap Co., traps .	40 00	
T. W. Pierce, repairing gas-pipe leaks caused by sewer trenches of 1891	115 24	
Middleboro Gas & Electric Co., gas lost by reason of leak .	13 75	
Domestic Plumbing Co., work on gas leak	4 46	
A. J. Pickens, damages to land, &c.	50 00	
M. O. Rounseville, use of lot for Water street sewer	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,797 81

NEW STREETS AND MOVING SCHOOLHOUSE.

The County Commissioners having issued their decrees, and the town having ordered the work to be done, the Selectmen and committee having the work in charge thought it necessary that the roads should be built and the schoolhouse moved, although the cost should exceed the appropriation.

Appropriation	\$2,500 00
Received from Washburn heirs through Mr. C. E. Grinnell	900 00
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	\$3,400 00

Orders drawn :

EVERETT STREET.

Carver & Thomas, contract for building	\$2,850 00	
Carver & Thomas, extra work	10 50	
C. H. Thomas, extra work	58 00	
B. P. W. Lovell, putting up railing	62 24	
H. L. House, engineering	123 00	
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PLYMOUTH AND PRECINCT STREETS.

Estes & Thompson, contract and extra work	894 00
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MOVING NEMASKET SCHOOLHOUSE.

Charles C. Tinkham, moving schoolhouse, repairs and grading	\$411 87	
Pump for schoolhouse yard	6 00	
I. F. Atwood, committee on moving	28 00	
Augustus Pratt, committee on moving	20 00	
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MONTELLO STREET.

C. H. Thomas, contract	\$880 00	
C. H. Thomas, extra work	29 35	
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Total expenditures for new streets and moving schoolhouse	\$5,372 96
Overdrawn the appropriation	\$1,972 96

There is also a bill for engineering which has not been presented.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$14,000 00
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Besides the large special expenditures made on new streets and new locations as reported above, the Selectmen have drawn orders as follows :—

Snow bills approved by the Superintendent of Streets (for details see his report) \$1,084 69

General highway bills approved		
by Superintendent of Streets	. 12,349 93	
	<u> </u>	\$13,434 62

Orders drawn but not included in Superintendent's report:

For entering petition for allowance from the County on building Alden's bridge	\$3 00
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C. W. Drake, part expense of curbing sidewalk	17 77
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M. O. Rounseville, repairs to	
Water-street dam in 1890	9 00

C. H. Carpenter, part expense of new bridge on Tispaquin street	20 00	
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Total highway expenditures 1892	\$13,483 79
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ESTIMATES FOR A TAX, 1893.

For support of schools, including school books,
 incidentals, and Superintendent's salary . \$16,500 00

School Committee's salaries	150 00
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Support of poor	4,800 00
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Support of insane	1,000 00
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Military aid	400 00
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For Soldiers' relief	\$200 00
Town officers	2,500 00
Incidental expenses	1,000 00
Lighting streets	3,500 00
G. A. R. for Memorial Day	150 00
Town-house committee, expense account	467 00
" " " deficiency, 1892	1,333 00
Water supply to fire district	1,500 00
Town debt, note due	5,000 00
Interest	3,200 00
Board of Health	200 00
Highway Department	14,000 00
Concrete sidewalks	500 00
Night watch and police	900 00
Deficiency on new roads, &c., 1892	2,000 00
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	\$59,300 00
Less corporation and bank taxes (estimated)	7,300 00
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To be raised by tax	\$52,000 00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

The following notes to Middleborough Savings Bank :

April 16, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent, payable in 6 yrs.	\$5,000 00
June 1, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ " " 7 yrs.	5,000 00
July 2, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ " " 8 yrs.	5,000 00
Dec. 1, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ " " 9 yrs.	5,000 00
June 16, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ " " 10 yrs.	5,200 00
July 25, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ " " 11 yrs.	5,200 00
Dec. 18, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ " " 12 yrs.	5,055 00
Dec. 26, 1891, at 4 " " Nov. 1, 1897,	5,000 00
Sewer loan at 4 " " " 1, 1901,	5,000 00
" " at 4 " " " 1, 1907,	5,000 00

Sewer loan at 4 per cent, payable Nov. 1, 1908,	\$5,000 00
" " at 4 " " " 1, 1909,	5,000 00
" " at 4 " " " 1, 1910,	5,000 00
" " at 4 " " " 1, 1911,	5,000 00

Notes payable in Boston :

Railroad Loan, 4 per cent, payable Nov. 1, 1918,	5,000 00
" " 4 " " " 1, 1919,	5,000 00
" " 4 " " " 1, 1920,	5,000 00
" " 4 " " " 1, 1921,	5,000 00

\$90,455 00

Due town officers and other liabilities (estimated)	545 00
Estimated loss on taxes	500 00

Total liabilities \$91,500 00

ASSETS.

Cash on hand Jan. 2, 1893 . . .	\$8,359 26
Due on taxes	16,994 41
Due from State, military aid . . .	3,351 50
" " " State aid . . .	403 50

Total assets 29,108 67

Balance of liabilities \$62,391 33

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT T. SAVERY,
JOSEPH E. BEALS,
JARED F. ALDEN.

Selectmen of Middleborough.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, JANUARY, 1893.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To the Board of Selectmen :

The following bills of the section men have been examined and approved : —

S. S. Lovell, including expense of building part of Webster and Everett streets	\$3,495 75
L. B. Pratt	1,048 73
G. R. Sampson	227 39
B. E. Holmes	477 87
H. A. Thompson	271 01
B. C. Shaw	195 55
N. S. Cushing	171 52
J. K. Bishop	193 25
H. C. Tinkham	346 86
A. F. Reed	468 50
L. T. Miller	265 72
J. E. Smith	237 35
J. H. Thomas	462 46
W. F. Atwood, including expense of building part of Fuller street as laid out by County Commissioners	849 00
S. W. Bump	357 11
B. P. W. Lovell	\$154 10
B. P. W. Lovell, setting railing at Alden's bridge, Titicut	15 00

B. P. W. Lovell, running road machine, north and east sections	\$50 75	
B. P. W. Lovell, painting road machine	8 00	\$227 85
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		\$9,295 92

I have approved other bills, as follows : —

William Downing, for work by contract on Centre street	\$773 07
M. O. Rounseville, for work on bridges and sluiceways, paving gutters, setting curbing, blasting, &c., 1891 and 1892	657 32
J. B. LeBarron, for cedar posts	8 40
E. M. Barden, for care of watering trough, Barden Hill	5 00
L. E. Thomas, for team work	9 00
Estate of J. B. LeBaron, for drain pipe	5 20
L. Lincoln & Son, for blacksmithing	7 36
Bailey & Soule, " "	70 50
William Hawes, for oil for crusher	5 00
Eben Jones, Jr., for painting stack at crusher	3 08
G. C. Richards, for work at crusher	1 40
Elisha Thomas, for gravel	15 00
Levi F. Tinkham, for team work	23 75
J. K. & B. Sears, for lumber for Star Mills bridge	114 67
Mrs. H. Barrows, for gravel	9 60
James L. Jenney, for team work	84 36
James L. Jenney, for coal for crusher	18 19
C. F. Cole, for work, Grove-street bridge	9 75
Alex Eaton, for team work	13 50
H. Whittemore, for work at Star Mills bridge	18 00
E. M. Stanton, for running stone crusher	48 00
C. E. Jewel, for gravel	51 80

M. W. Peasley, for labor	\$16 00
U. T. Tripp, for castings for crusher	45 99
N. F. Shurtleff, for repairing Shurtleff's bridge	18 87
C. E. Mellen, for gravel	9 96
E. P. LeBaron, for iron pipe	35 14
E. T. Jenks, for oil for crusher	3 90
J. L. Bassett, for work at Covington's bridge	11 00
J. & G. E. Doane, for bill of drain pipe, &c.	46 87
T. W. Pierce, " " supplies	51 40
W. B. Wood, " " sundries 1891	8 26
W. B. Wood, " " " 1892	5 42
W. B. Wood, for services as Superintendent, balance year 1891, to January 1893, as per orders from Selectmen	849 25
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	\$3,054 01
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Total	\$12,349 93

The following bills have been allowed for clearing the highways of snow: —

S. S. Lovell	\$271 90
S. W. Bump	26 40
A. F. Reed	48 90
B. E. Holmes	62 90
N. S. Cushing	18 50
G. R. Sampson	26 70
J. K. Bishop	16 55
H. A. Thompson	77 20
H. C. Tinkham	32 60
B. C. Shaw	47 40
L. B. Pratt	135 30
B. P. W. Lovell	84 00
J. H. Thomas	74 69

J. E. Smith	\$22 20	
L. T. Miller	57 65	
W. F. Atwood	76 30	
J. B. Carver	5 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,084 69
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		\$13,434 62

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM B. WOOD,

Superintendent of Streets.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, January, 1893.

LIST OF JURORS.

The Selectmen propose the following persons to serve as jurors the ensuing year; viz., —

Andrew Alden,
Jared F. Alden,
Emery F. Atwood,
F. Austin G. Atwood,
Harrison W. Atwood,
Harvey N. Atwood,
William F. Atwood,
Joseph E. Beals,
Frederic T. Belcher,
Grover Bennett,
John S. Benson,
Howard M. Bishop,
Joshua K. Bishop,
George F. Bryant,
Charles E. Bump,
Marshall P. Burgess,
Benjamin F. Caswell,
Frederic P. Chase,
Abisha T. Clark, Jr.,
Amos D. Clark,
George S. Clark,
Charles F. Cornish,
George A. Cox,
Nathaniel S. Cushing,
James S. Cuzner,
Albert Deane,
Orien E. Deane,
William H. Dorigan,
George A. Earle,

Lucius M. Fuller,
George T. M. Gammons,
Francis B. Gibbs,
Foster A. Harlow,
Israel T. Hathaway,
Benjamin E. Holmes,
James L. Jenney,
B. Frank Jones,
Eugene P. LeBaron,
Thos. J. LeBaron,
Abiatha W. Leonard,
Ezra S. Leonard,
William McAllister,
Adam P. McKeen,
Andrew W. Miller,
Luther B. Murdock,
J. Frank Peirce,
Isaac E. Perkins,
Edmund E. Phillips,
Ebenezer Pickens,
David G. Pratt,
Herbert A. Pratt,
Luther B. Pratt,
Nathan W. Pratt,
Edmund S. Russell,
John H. Ryder,
James M. Sampson,
Albert T. Savery,
Truman C. Savery,

Benjamin C. Shaw,
 Joseph A. Shaw,
 Walter A. Shaw,
 Albert W. Smith,
 John E. Smith,
 Walter M. Snow,
 Augustus H. Soule,
 George L. Soule,
 Warren H. Southworth,
 George E. Standish,
 Dennis D. Sullivan,
 David S. Surrey,
 Ichabod B. Thomas.
 John B. Thomas,

Josiah H. Thomas,
 Lazelle E. Thomas,
 Henry A. Thompson,
 Charles S. Tinkham,
 George F. Tinkham,
 Alvin P. Vaughan,
 Asaph F. Washburn,
 Seneca T. Weston,
 William L. White,
 Edward F. Witham,
 Albert J. Wood,
 Edward C. Wood,
 Edward F. Wood.

ALBERT T. SAVERY,
 JOSEPH E. BEALS,
 JARED F. ALDEN,

Selectmen of Middleborough.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Jan. 31, 1893.

REPORT

OF

STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

As the term of service of your lighting committee began on the expiration of the term of service of the previous lighting committee, which was Aug. 1, 1891, the following report will not give the amount for the lighting year, but for year 1892, from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31:—

Amount of appropriation for 1892 . . . \$3,500 00

Bills paid as follows:—

1892.

Jan.	4.	Charles H. Tribou, labor	\$52 45
"	12.	S. S. Lovell, "	28 77
"	12.	T. B. West, cartage .	17 31
"	15.	Peter Gray, supplies .	24 75
"	15.	Norcross, Mellen & Co., supplies . . .	41 76
"	19.	C. H. Tribou, labor .	60 00
"	28.	Bailey & Soule, on lan- tern account . .	24 75
"	30.	C. H. Tribou, labor .	41 00
Feb.	12.	R. J. Nourse, "	16 66
"	18.	C. H. Tribou, "	60 00
Mar.	1.	C. H. Tribou, "	48 32
"	11.	R. J. Nourse, "	16 66
"	15.	C. H. Tribou, "	50 00
Apr.	1.	C. H. Tribou, "	51 00

April	1.	Ira Tinkham & Co., sup- plies	\$177 48
"	6.	Ira Tinkham & Co., freight	14 40
"	8.	C. W. Maxim, labor . .	32 91
"	8.	LeBaron Foundry Co., supplies	80
"	8.	J. & G. E. Doane, sup- plies	70
"	8.	F. B. Gibbs, labor . .	3 65
"	8.	O.C. R.R. Co., freight	1 59
"	9.	Peter Gray, supplies . .	13 15
"	9.	Norcross, Mellen & Co., supplies	36 96
"	14.	R. J. Nourse, labor . .	16 66
"	15.	C. H. Tribou, labor . .	50 00
"	18.	C. H. Tribou, " . .	10 00
May	2.	C. H. Tribou, " . .	50 00
"	6.	O.C. R.R. Co., freight	1 43
"	12.	R. J. Nourse, labor . .	17 66
"	14.	C. H. Tribou, " . .	41 00
June	1.	C. H. Tribou, " . .	51 90
"	4.	C. H. Tribou, " . .	20 00
"	16.	C. H. Tribou, " . .	40 00
"	16.	R. J. Nourse, " . .	16 66
July	1.	C. H. Tribou, " . .	42 10
"	7.	Standard Oil Co., supplies	239 49
"	7.	O.C. R.R. Co., freight	14 40
"	13.	R. J. Nourse, labor . .	16 66
"	15.	C. H. Tribou, " . .	55 00
Aug.	1.	C. H. Tribou, " . .	49 15
"	9.	C. H. Tribou, " . .	25 00
"	10.	R. J. Nourse, " . .	16 66
"	13.	C. H. Tribou, " . .	30 00
Sept.	1.	C. H. Tribou, " . .	46 00

Sept.	6.	C. H. Tribou, labor	.	\$25 00
"	9.	R. J. Nourse, "	.	16 66
"	16.	C. H. Tribou, "	.	30 00
"	23.	C. H. Tribou, "	.	10 00
"	28.	O.C. R.R. Co., freight		97
"	30.	C. H. Tribou, labor	.	36 00
Oct.	3.	C. H. Tribou, "	.	25 00
"	4.	Standard Oil Co., supplies		190 78
"	4.	Peter Gray, "		92 35
"	4.	L. E. Thomas, cartage		16 75
"	14.	R. J. Nourse, labor	.	16 66
"	14.	Hiram Whittemore, labor		42 00
"	17.	C. H. Tribou, "	.	30 00
"	30.	C. H. Tribou, "	.	46 00
Nov.	4.	C. H. Tribou, "	.	25 00
"	17.	C. H. Tribou, "	.	35 00
"	22.	R. J. Nourse, "	.	16 66
Dec.	1.	C. H. Tribou, "	.	41 00
"	5.	C. H. Tribou, "	.	25 00
"	8.	O.C. R.R. Co., freight		14 40
"	9.	R. J. Nourse, labor	.	16 74
"	15.	C. H. Tribou, "	.	35 00
"	20.	Standard Oil Co., supplies		152 13
"	20.	Peter Gray, "		55 10
"	24.	Peter Gray, "		17 40
"	24.	Norcross, Mellen & Co., supplies	.	23 60
"	28.	C. H. Tribou, labor	.	66 00

 \$2,766 04

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. LEBARON,
GEO. E. WOOD,
DAVID G. PRATT,

Street Lighting Committee.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY,
JANUARY, 1893.

The report of the Librarian to the trustees, herewith presented, gives the detail work of the library as performed by her and her assistants.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Trustees of the Public Library:

The nineteenth annual report of the Middleborough Public Library is herewith respectfully submitted, showing the result of the work closing Dec. 31, 1892.

The record shows the library open 306 days, in which 19,660 volumes were circulated, as follows: Juvenile, 5,559; descriptive and travels, 1,260; history, 491; biography, 320; natural history and scientific, 160; literature, essays, and poetry, 240; religious and theology, 70; bound periodicals, 1,080; political economy and miscellaneous, 150; fiction, 10,290.

The largest monthly circulation was in March, 2139: and the smallest in June, 1368.

The number of volumes in the library at the present writing is 5670, having added 180 during the year. One hundred have been rebound, and 40 have been discarded as worn out and replaced by new ones. One book only has been lost in circulation.

The trustees voted to call for a new registration, with new cards, on and after October 1, for all persons drawing books from the library. Nearly nineteen years had elapsed since the first card was issued. Many of the proper holders had died in those years, many others had left town, and there was really no way of ascertaining just how many people were using their own cards. Dating our new registration from October 1, 560 cards have been drawn by residents of the town, and to no one under fourteen years of age.

Books covered, numbered, and labelled, 1034.

ADELAIDE K. THATCHER,

January, 1893.

Librarian.

The report of the Librarian, above presented, gives no statistics of the use of the publications on the reading-room table, nor of the reference library, nor of books given out for special study in the room, as no record is kept of these; but the work done in these departments constitutes quite an important part of the library service. The reading-room is well patronized, and it is the purpose of the library to extend every facility at its command to those who may be searching for information.

The library is indebted to Hon. E. A. Morse for bound copies of the Congressional Record, covering the work of 52d Congress, 1st session, and for other publications from time to time during the year. Sets of documents and reports have been received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

During the year the work has been done of making a card catalogue of the entire list of books in the library. The cards have been arranged alphabetically in two cases,

one by the authors' names, and the other by titles and subjects.

Mrs. A. K. Thatcher has been librarian during the year, with Miss Lucy M. T. Brayton serving as assistant daily from 2 to 4 o'clock P.M., and Miss Harriet B. Sylvester as occasion has required.

The library and reading-room are open to the public every day, except Sundays and holidays, from 2 to 8 o'clock P.M. It is a public library, managed for the people, and the people are expected to make use of it; but this does not include a privilege of marking, mutilating, or disfiguring the catalogues which are placed on the tables for the use of patrons.

The following periodicals are to be found regularly on the reading table:—

American Agriculturalist,	Manifesto,
Art Interchange,	New England Magazine,
Arena,	North American Review,
Atlantic Monthly,	Outing,
Century Magazine,	Overland Monthly,
Cosmopolitan,	Popular Science Monthly,
Current Literature,	Public Opinion,
Eclectic Magazine,	Review of Reviews,
Engineering Magazine,	Saint Nicholas,
Forum,	Scientific American,
Frank Leslie's Monthly,	Scientific American Sup-
Godey's,	plement,
Harper's Magazine,	Scribner's Magazine,
Magazine of American His-	Traveller's Record,
tory,	Wide Awake.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees,

JOSEPH E. BEALS,

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT, PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance of cash on hand at last annual report	\$109 97
Received from Town Treasurer, dog money	704 35
Received from Town Treasurer, other licenses, 1891	69 00
Received from Town Treasurer, other licenses, 1892	68 50
Received for fines, &c., at library	43 80
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	\$995 62
Paid A. K. Thatcher, librarian	\$200 00
Paid Lucy M. T. Brayton, assistance	76 75
Paid Harriet B. Sylvester, assistance	30 40
Paid Harriet B. Sylvester, work on card catalogue	12 23
Paid Walter L. Beals, work on card catalogue	27 50
Paid Estes & Lauriat, for books	252 19
" E. T. Jenks, for book	3 00
Paid S. B. Pratt, files of Middleborough Gazette, 16 years	32 00
Paid James M. Coombs, printing	53 00
" " " magazines	66 00
" " " two years' advertising	20 00
Paid F. W. R. Emery, rebinding books	81 50
Paid Library Bureau, card case and fittings	28 95
Paid Library Bureau, library cards	15 08
" " " pamphlet binder	1 10

Paid label holders for card cases .	\$1 65	
Paid Jones Brothers, map rack and rollers for maps	20 00	
Paid E. H. Blake, rubber stamps, &c.	4 85	
Paid express, postage, &c., at li- brary	7 80	
Paid freight, express, &c. . . .	2 62	
" C. W. Drake, mucilage and blank book	1 37	
	<hr/>	\$937 99
Balance on hand		\$57 63

JOSEPH E. BEALS,
Treasurer.

January, 1893.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1892-1893.

Term expires, 1893.	Term expires, 1894.
WM. R. PIERCE, <i>Pres.</i>	GEORGE BRAYTON,
C. D. KINGMAN,	JAMES M. COOMBS,
W. H. SOUTHWORTH.	JOS. E. BEALS, <i>Sec'y.</i>

Term expires, 1895.
E. ROBINSON,
E. S. HATHAWAY,
A. M. WOOD.

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

For the Year ending Dec. 31, 1892.

Net amount drawn from the treasury . . .	\$5,722 48
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Received as follows, from —

City of Lynn	\$160 61
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Town of Wareham	61 00
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" Harwich	20 00
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" Plymouth	173 35
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State Treasurer, for State paupers . . .	9 00
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Henry R. Tribou's estate	13 93
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437 89

Produce from the farm sold	801 98
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6,962 35

Paid out as follows; viz., —

For support of paupers in the almshouse . . .	\$2,337 88
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Out of the almshouse :

Mrs. Allen Pratt	\$48 00
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Paul Short	121 50
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Stillman B. Morse	22 00
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Charles W. Murray	54 00
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Catharine A. Hollis	42 50
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Luther Paul	41 00
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Samuel B. Maxim	36 00
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Samuel Wood	73 75
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Mrs. E. Bell	\$80 75	
Levi Shaw	89 07	
Mary L. Beisecker . .	145 00	
Albert Elliot	202 00	
James E. Richmond . .	75 50	
Frank A. Lewis	100 53	
Nancy, Sarah, and Olive Leonard	168 50	
Patience C. Benson	78 00	
Sally C. Benson	85 00	
Sarah Vaughan	96 00	
Aseneth E. Alden	64 00	
Rachel W. Thomas	37 50	
Charles W. Tribou	11 00	
Standish Ryder	53 00	
Fred Wilmot	4 75	
J. F. Dowsing	64 66	
Moses T. Smith estate . .	69 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,863 01
City of New Bedford, for aid furnished Mrs. Mary Lawrence .	\$69 00	
City of New Bedford, for aid furnished Wm. Thornton . .	111 00	
City of New Bedford for aid furnished Stephen B. Young .	98 00	
City of Lawrence for aid furnished David Jones	14 30	
City of Taunton for aid furnished Mrs. Nancy F. Ashley . .	33 25	
City of Brockton for aid furnished Mrs. Ellen J. Weeks . .	12 07	
City of Brockton for aid furnished Robert R. Clark	19 16	
City of Boston for aid furnished William H. Connolly . . .	6 71	

City of Boston for aid furnished		
Barney McCarroll	\$17 00	
Town of Sandwich for aid furnished		
Henry H. P. Lovell	174 91	
Town of Westport for aid furnished		
Rosalie A. Thyng	52 00	
Town of Yarmouth for aid furnished		
Mrs. Carlona Simmons	13 00	
Town of Berkley for aid furnished		
Mrs. Emma I. Hacket	49 73	
Town of Plymouth for aid furnished		
David Shurtleff	31 00	
Town of Becket for aid furnished		
Andrew P. Rogers	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$603 63
In Westboro Insane Hospital,		
Paid for Mrs. Lucy A. Harlow	\$129 54	
In Bridgewater Asylum,		
Paid for George Wallen	146 40	
In Worcester Hospital,		
Paid for Robert Fitzsimmons	155 06	
In Marlboro,		
Paid for Joanna O'Keefe	156 86	
In Mass. School for Feeble Minded,		
Paid for Mary Lyon	194 99	
In Taunton Insane Hospital,		
Paid for C. Herbert Wilder	162 96	
" " Joseph A. Wallen	73 45	
	<hr/>	\$1,019 26
Paid aid furnished those having settlements in other places :		
George W. Brackett, Lynn	\$48 75	
William Bumpus, Wareham	22 81	

Mrs. Hannah B. N. Bumpus, Wareham	\$13 01	
Mrs. Hiram Bryant, Plymouth	44 50	
Mrs. George B. Wentworth, Ply- mouth	84 00	
Hiram Sabins, Fall River	5 05	
Newell Francis, State	4 50	
Joseph Canavan, State	4 50	
Mrs. Paul, State	6 00	
Italian, State	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$235 62
Paid Thomas C. Collins, for in- surance	240 00	
H. L. Thatcher & Co., for printing	3 75	
S. Mendall, for expense out of town on account of paupers	9 20	
Dr. T. S. Hodgson, for profes- sional services one year a almshouse	50 00	
Services one year outside	100 00	
George W. Sherman and wife, for services one year	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$902 95
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		\$6,962 35
Whole number] in the almshouse during the year	22	
Whole number of tramps during the year	525	
Remaining the whole time	18	
Present number	18	
Number of weeks for one person	1,057	
Average expense per week, not in- cluding Superintendent's salary	\$2 22	

Amount of real estate January 1,
1893 \$9,925 00

Amount of personal estate January
1, 1893 3,016 00
————— \$12,941⁰⁰

Amount of real estate January 1,
1892 \$9,915 00

Amount of personal estate January
1, 1892 2,469 15
————— \$12,384 15

AMOUNT OF PRODUCE RAISED ON THE FARM.

Squashes and pumpkins	$\frac{1}{2}$ ton
Corn fodder	6 "
Rye straw	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Hay	22 "
Corn	164 bushels
Potatoes	260 "
Turnips	140 "
Beets	100 "
Carrots	7 "
Beans	5 "
Parsnips	5 "
Rye	21 "
Apples	80 barrels
Cabbage	1,000 heads
Milk	2,500 gallons
Cream	10 "
Eggs	537 dozen
Pork	1,682 pounds
Beef	1,987 "
Veal	367 "
Butter	700
Pigs	25

Chickens 75
 Tomatoes, cucumbers, green beans, and green peas, &c.

One of the inmates died during the year, Mrs. Carrie E. M. Jones, December 1, 1892, aged 58 years.

A. C. WOOD,
 SYLVANUS MENDALL,
 CHAS. T. THATCHER,
Overseers of the Poor.

STATE AID

Furnished the following persons for the year ending December 31, 1892.

Ashley, Mrs. Susan A.	\$48 00	Morse, Mrs. Lucy A.	\$48 00
Butler, Mrs. Susan K.	48 00	Morse, Ezra	36 00
Benson, Mrs. Paulina R.	20 00	Mosher, Benjamin F.	49 50
Bly, Mrs. Adeline H.	44 00	Nichols, James G.	30 00
Bumpus, Marcus	36 00	Norveill, Mrs. Susan	22 00
Bump, Benjamin W.	36 00	Perkins, Mrs. Calista J.	48 00
Bliss, Alphonso	54 00	Pittsley, Mrs. Cordelia	48 00
Bisbee, Sylvanus	24 00	Pittsley, Charles P.	120 00
Boynton, William H.	42 00	Paul, Mrs. Mary E.	44 00
Baker, John S.	24 00	Pratt, Charles W.	36 00
Cole, Job N.	60 00	Powers, George	18 00
Chace, Ezra S.	36 00	Rogers, Mrs. Mary N.	4 00
Crosby, Asa F.	96 00	Raymond, Marcus M.	36 00
Cobb, Ansel A.	18 00	Raymond, Lucius S.	48 00
Chamberlain, Mrs. Catharine	48 00	Shaw, William B.	60 00
Capen, Mrs. Mary L.	48 00	Shaw, William N.	72 00
Dorr, Amos L.	72 00	Shaw, Isaac	24 00
Engelsted, Charles W.	2 00	Scanlin, John	72 00
Fagan, Peter	120 00	Standish, Alfred O.	48 00
Gammans, Thomas G.	36 00	Soule, Mrs. Abbie J.	24 00
Goldsboro, John F.	60 00	Sherman, Mrs. Eliza B.	48 00
Glancy, Bernard	72 00	Shores, Mrs. Phebe C.	24 00
Gibbs, Stephen S.	15 00	Tinkham, Mrs. Sarah A.	40 00
Haskins, Harrison	54 00	Tinkham, Charles	36 00
Haskins, Mrs. Drusilla H.	48 00	Thomas, Arad, Jr.	48 00
Hansell, Mrs. Lottie E.	48 00	Tilson, Benjamin O.	15 00
Harlow, Mrs. Betsey	48 00	Westgate, Edward S.	48 00
Haines, Mrs. Maria S.	24 00	Weston, Sanford	48 00
Hunt, Mrs. Vesta H.	22 00	Weston, Dura T.	24 00
Hunt, Ephraim A.	54 00	Whitcomb, William R.	24 00
Haley, Edward, Jr.	36 00	Whitcomb, Mrs. Martha W.	48 00
Holmes, Theodore P.	36 00	Weatherby, Mrs. Betsey D.	44 00
Jefferson, Mrs. Sarah C.	24 00	Warner, Mrs. Nancy	44 00
Knowland, John B.	48 00	Ware, Mrs. Harriette A.	48 00
Lucas, Abner	48 00	Wood, Mrs. Eliza T.	48 00
Littlejohn, Ira O.	24 00	Wood, Jacob	48 00
Lane, Benjamin F.	120 00	Young, John	16 00
Mellen, Charles C.	72 00		
Merrick, John R.	48 00		
			\$3351 50

MILITARY AID

Furnished the following persons for the year ending December 31, 1892.

Deane, George R.	\$96 00	Thompson, George H.	\$96 00
Glidden, Benjamin R.	120 00	Thompson, William F.	72 00
Gibbs, Abiel	16 00	Wilmot, Thomas E.	45 00
Morse, Artemas	72 00	Wood, Daniel F.	96 00
Mitchell, Charles	72 00		
McLaughlin, Benjamin S.	80 00		
Raymond, Fred. R.	42 00		
			\$807 00

REPORT

OF THE

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Taxes remaining unpaid for —

1883, as per last report	.	\$8 31	
1884, " "	.	23 06	
1885, " "	.	36 63	
1886, " "	.	191 34	
1887, " "	.	437 57	
1888, " "	.	807 32	
1889, " "	.	1,576 46	
1890, " "	.	2,836 57	
1891, " "	.	9,078 63	
Taxes committed, 1892	.	62,358 31	
Interest received	.	572 00	
		<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/>	\$77,926 20

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By taxes remaining unpaid for 1883	\$8 31
" " " 1884	17 11
" " " 1885	29 71
" " " 1886	169 63
" " " 1887	313 00
" " " 1888	567 45
" " " 1889	1,218 87
" " " 1890	1,622 13
" " " 1891	3,020 94

By taxes remaining unpaid for 1892	\$10,027 26	
" Assessors' orders . . .	\$418 90	
" Cash paid Town Treasurer .	60,512 89	
	<u> </u>	\$77,926 20

C. T. THATCHER,
Collector.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

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Cash received as follows : —

On hand, as per last year's report . . .	\$7,370 08
From State Treasurer, for corporation tax . .	5,236 34
State Treasurer, for national bank tax . .	2,272 84
State Treasurer, for State Aid . . .	2,997 00
State Treasurer, for Military Aid . . .	512 00
County Treasurer, for dog licenses for 1891 .	704 35
County Treasurer, for allowance on Alden's bridge	750 00
Middleboro National Bank, temporary loan	23,000 00
Middleboro Savings Bank	10,000 00
Blake Bros. & Co., for P. & M. Rail- road bonds sold	20,000 00
Blake Bros. & Co., for premiums	456 00
Blake Bros. & Co., for accrued interest . .	308 89
Charles H. Thomas, in place of bond for road contract	400 00
Mrs. Lucy W. Putnam, Mrs. Martha W. Folsom, and Mrs. Elizabeth W. Grinnell, towards building new road from Warrentown and Precinct street . .	900 00
Frederic T. Belcher, for land	200 00
William L. Chipman, clerk 4th district court, for fines	192 00

From Mrs. Beulah Thomas, for benefit of Richard Cox's cemetery lot	\$25 00
Interest allowed on bank deposits	159 62
Randall Hathaway, for herrings	345 00
Middleboro Savings Bank, for interest on J. B. & H. Thompson's cemetery fund	5 50
Town of Lakeville, one half expense setting boundary stones, &c.	16 50
Town of Bridgewater, for one half amount paid A. R. Dunham for carrying mail while building Alden's bridge	62 50
Licensing 433 male dogs	866 00
Licensing 29 female dogs	145 00
Town house committee	585 12
Selectmen for "Soldiers' Relief"	47 50
Overseers of the Poor	437 89
George Soule, for concreting	13 73
Charles W. Drake "	22 40
Doane & Shaw "	13 73
David Tucker "	52 27
Cent. Cong. Society "	81 47
Francis R. Eaton "	15 70
George H. Shaw "	36 20
W. H. Schleuter "	16 00
Mrs. Lucy T. Warner, for sewer permit	50 00
John Mansfield "	25 00
F. T. Belcher "	25 00
E. T. & J. Lincoln "	25 00
Charles W. Drake "	25 00
A. L. Tinkham estate "	25 00
C. D. Kingman "	25 00
B. W. Bump "	25 00

From Jane P. King for sewer permit	.	\$25 00
Hiram Whittemore	" .	25 00
Henry H. Chace	" .	25 00
Nellie B. Wilbur	" .	25 00
Mrs. Emogene Bachelder	" .	25 00
Michael A. Leaky	" .	25 00
Mrs. Soule and Mrs. Lucas	" .	25 00
John B. Thomas	" .	25 00
Mrs. Azel Washburn	" .	25 00
Henry C. Keith	" .	50 00
Thomas Boucher	" .	40 00
Levi P. Brown	" .	25 00
L. H. Houghton	" .	25 00
L. E. Thomas	" .	25 00
George C. Richards	" .	25 00
Mrs. N. D. Wilber	" .	50 00
Mrs. S. P. Jenks' estate	" .	50 00
Luther S. Bailey	" .	25 00
Bradford Harlow	" .	25 00
Albert Alden	" .	150 00
David A. Tucker, for billiard licenses	. .	4 00
Gideon S. Thomas, for restaurant license		50
Austin Lovell, for auctioneer's license	.	2 00
James Cole	" .	2 00
Isaac E. Macomber	" .	2 00
Everett T. Lincoln	" .	2 00
Leonidas Deane	" .	2 00
Charles F. Cornish	" .	2 00
Corrindo Winsor, for peddler's license	.	50
Charles Y. Wilcox	" .	50
Galen N. Cushing	" .	12 00
Merry-go-round license	. . .	7 00
E. H. Blake, for fireworks license	.	5 00
Huntings, for circus license	. . .	10 00

From Irwins, for circus license	\$12 00
for circus license	5 00
Maps sold	25
From the following cities and towns on account of fish: Taunton, \$30.00; Dighton, \$20.00; Somerset, \$20.00; Raynham, \$20.00; Berkley, \$20.00; Fall River, \$10.00; Freetown, \$10.00	130 00
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	\$79,385 38
From Collector of Taxes	60,512 89
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	\$139,898 27

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Paid State Treasurer, for State tax	\$3,045 00
State Treasurer, for national bank tax	133 83
County Treasurer, for County tax	5,087 73
County Treasurer, for dog li- censes	918 60
Town Clerk, for fees . . .	92 40
Joseph E. Beals, for Public Li- brary, dog licenses for 1891	704 35
Joseph E. Beals, for Public Li- brary, for other licenses for 1891 and 1892 , . . .	137 50
Street Lighting Committee's or- ders	2,804 51
School Committee's orders .	17,011 11
Town House " "	2,654 25
Overseers of the Poor "	6,160 37
Board of Health " "	25 80
Assessors' " "	31 04

Paid Selectmen's orders	\$50,605 74
Selectmen's orders for Soldiers'	
Relief under act of 1890,	
chap. 447	274 89
Wm. L. Chipman, clerk 4th	
district court, orders for court	
fees to officers	365 63
Deposited in Middleboro Sav-	
ings Bank for Mrs. Beulah	
Thomas to keep Richard	
Cox's lot in cemetery in	
good order	25 00
Arad Bryant, Church Ceme-	
tery Committee order to	
Hiram Peirce, for interest re-	
ceived on J. B. and I. H.	
Thompson's estate, cemetery	
fund	5 50
C. D. Kingman, for suppression	
of crime	65 00
Notes	33,000 00
Interest	4,016 21
L. M. Alden, for G. A. R. . .	150 00
N. Y. & B. D. Express Co.'s	
bill	3 35
Sec. of State, for registration	
books	3 75
E. H. Blake, for corporation	
seal	18 45
F. W. R. Emery, for making	
6 boxes	6 00
State Aid	3,351 50
Military Aid	807 00

Paid Stamps, box rent, postal cards, pens, recording deeds, blanks, &c.	\$34 50
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Cash on hand	8,359 26
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		\$139,898 27
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C. T. THATCHER,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1892.

Date	Name	Residence	Name	Residence
1891				
Sept 8	Thomas M Ryder	Middleboro	Mrs Lillian A Adams	Boston
Dec 29	Arthur M Hinkley	Lakeville	Kate I Sherman	Middleboro
1892				
Jan 1	Walter Drake	Middleboro	Mrs Ruth C Crane	Taunton
5	Charles Threshie	Boston	Nellie F Thomas	Middleboro
7	Henry A Brett	Brockton	Irene B Pratt	"
20	William Walley	Brookfield	Charlotte T Wood	"
30	Lewis I Sweet	Middleboro	Mary J Gault	"
Feb 3	Edgar L Bates	"	Abbie G Eaton	"
24	Adelbert W Fuller	"	Alice Doolan	"
Mar 1	William H Dorigan	"	Nettie W McMann	"
19	Wendall P Case	"	Minnie J Clark	Campello
20	George W Buchanan	Charlestown	Susie B Weeks	Middleboro
Apr 7	George C Peterson	Middleboro	Mrs E F Skinner	"
17	E Everett Soule	"	Addie F Washburn	"
17	Zeph'h W Andrews	Carver	Ida M Tillson	Carver
17	George W Bryant	Middleboro	Mary A G Peterson	Somerville
20	Ernest E Williamson	"	Lizzie M Atwood	Middleboro
27	Will L Chipman	"	Carrie M. Hall	"
28	Charles O Dunham	"	Olivia H Forsberg	"
May 2	M'l José D'Azevedo	"	Marianna Candida	New Bedford
4	Foster B Thomas	Boston	Clara B Creamer	Middleboro
8	Thos R Washburn	Middleboro	Mrs S M Howard	Brockton
23	James E Doty Jr	Provid'ce, R.I.	Jennie B Alden	Middleboro
25	Arthur B Monroe	Middleboro	Emily M Bailey	"
30	Alonzo D Griffith	Carver	Bessie M Gammans	"
June 1	John Harvey	Augusta, Me.	Mary Peltur	Canada
2	Charles M Wilde	Middleboro	Permelia F Wright	Middleboro
7	Henry J Strann	Bridgewater	Minnie W Alden	"
8	Walter A Cummings	Middleboro	Mary Murphy	"
9	Harrison B Ellis	"	Rhoda S Waterman	"
12	David T Washburn	"	Nellie G White	N Abington
14	Clarence Sturtevant	Bridgewater	Lillian M Alden	Middleboro
22	John A White	Middleboro	Ida B Shaw	"
26	Edmund O Conway	"	Eva M Woodward	"
29	John J Walsh	"	Mary A McGraw	"
29	Charles J Rudolph	"	Catharine A Boner	"
30	Charles A Maybry	"	Fannie M Soule	"
July 6	Swantie Anderson	Taunton	Carrie D Churchill	"

MARRIAGES. — *Continued.*

Date.	Name	Residence	Name	Residence
July 6	George Egger	Middleboro	Regena H Luippold	Middleboro
14	Thomas D Moody	Lakeville	Ella F Sampson	Lakeville
Aug 6	Arthur Wilcox	Middleboro	Ella Gifford	New Bedford
9	Edward J Robinson	Raynham	A Jennie Richmond	Taunton
10	Herbert W Tripp	Middleboro	Angie W Atwood	Middleboro
15	Richard Kilroy	"	Bridget A Devine	"
17	Andrew Cronan, Jr	"	Mary Lynch	"
17	Eugene J Keith	"	Alice S Tripp	"
Sept 5	Richard Parthum	Lawrence	Mary Rudolph	"
12	Charles L W Morse	Wareham	Hattie N Pittsley	"
13	Truman C Savery	Middleboro	Evelyn R L Holland	"
20	Mark C Warren	"	Agnes Fairust	"
20	Charles F Ingalls	Taunton	Lizzie A Savery	"
27	Levi O Atwood	Middleboro	Eva G Tinkham	"
Oct 5	William S Brown	England	Emilie M Wiegand	"
6	Henry Banwell	Middleboro	Jessie L Millen	"
12	Herman G Schlueter	"	Lydia M Wilber	"
18	Herbert H Lightford	"	Carrie M Bennett	"
20	Edward W Fessenden	"	Laura J LePorte	Kingston
29	Willard H Shaw	"	Alberta F Perry	Sandwich
Nov 2	William Foy	"	Annie Jordan	Middleboro
3	Seth L Holmes	"	Elizabeth W Drake	"
5	Myron G Benson	Falmouth	Emma M Bent	Falmouth
7	George M Washburn	Middleboro	Alice W Osborne	Middleboro
10	Gerard B Swift	Worcester	Mattie P. Holmes	Lakeville
15	Patrick A Grant	Middleboro	Katie A Casey	Middleboro
16	Edward M Swift	Bridgewater	Susan W Waterman	Bridgewater
22	James M Sampson	Middleboro	Mrs Lizzie E Vining	Middleboro
23	Eugene H McCarthy	"	Mary G Harrington	"
23	Martin Pratt	Bridgewater	Ellen McFadden	Pt Howe N S
23	Charles B Dunham	Rochester	Annie E Nutgate	Rochester
23	John C Porter	Halifax	Edith M Coffin	Middleboro
27	L Clifton Humphrey	Rochester	Lizzie M Schouler	"
Dec 14	John C Starbuck	Middleboro	Priscilla E Sparrow	"
19	Cornelius S Millerd	"	Lucretia A Kilton	"
21	William I Dunham	"	Mary J Card	"
21	Frank W. Hastay	"	Maud A Raymond	"
22	George F Standish	"	Mary F Myrick	Kingston
23	Harrison D Doty	"	Minnie F King	Fall River
24	David H Chapman	"	Carrie S Stickney	Middleboro
24	Watson T Cobb	Rochester	Ida B LeBaron	"
26	Harry M Parker	Middleboro	Amelia M Rosenfeld	"
27	Irvin W Davis	Plymouth	Charlotte M Fuller	"
29	Eugene L LeBaron	Middleboro	Katie A J Murdock	"

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1892.

Date	Name of Child	Names of Parents	Maiden Name
Jan	3 Bertha A Benson	John L and Kate	Southworth
	9 Frank B Gibbs	Reuben A and Fannie E	Nelson
	11 Erna L Cornish	Herbert W and Maybel L	Alden
	13 George A Collins	Etna and Arabelle F	
	17 Alfred Auger	Zenas and Edith A	Commoe
	19 Ruth Kingman	Philip E and Nellie H	Shaw
	20 Roy S Quinley	William J and Anna M	Sutcliffe
Feb	23 Clifford S Bryant	Walter T and Susan E	Freeman
	4 Albert R Hammond	Stephen H and Charlotte H	Taylor
	10 Chester L Vickery	Seth L and Amy C	Ryder
	10 Sarah L McCrillis	Walter C and Minnie M	Southworth
	16 Susan B Tinkham	Charles W and Sarah	Standish
	20 Marie Sylvia	Frank and Florindina	Gueldo
	21 Sarah M Reardon	John and Anna	Carrigan
	21 George R Deane	George R and Annie J	Jones
	27 Margaret Lepre	Alendi and Parcolina	Philero
	1 Mary Silverway	Francisco and Florindina	Guldsrde
	3 Lillian C Peck	Walter H and Cleve C	Megehee
	3 Violet G Gove	William B and Abby E	Robinson
Mar	8 Charles M Fuller	Charles H and Kate	Lee
	10 Edm'd J MacManus	Edward and Sarah	Devine
	11 Charles Fickett	Robert and Emma	Rudolph
	12 Leroy A Bennett	Allerton C and H Maria	Shaw
	13 Stanley S Hill	Fred C and Mariette	Sherman
	14 Susan A Pitman	George A and Etta E	Norveill
	22 Alice L Shea	Daniel and Alice	Leonard
	22 Alice M Weatherbee	Fred A and Sarah C	Loud
	33 Harold A Williams	John W and Nellie E	Sherman
	30 Arthur H Leonard	Arthur H and Lizzie L	Shaw
	30 Nettie C Westgate	Elisha P and Abby N	Britton
	1 E R Farrington	Clarence A and Anna H	Vaughan
	6 Mary A Flynn	Patrick and Mary	Warren
	8 Ralph E Ryder	Samuel E and Anna J	Tinkham
Apr	10 Anna M Jones	Milton A and Emily F	Hatch
	12 Walter E Bump	Myron A and Bessie F	Merrihew
	14 Doris L Haskins	Edmund M and Susan F	Haven
	17 Josiah S Cushing	J Herbert and Harriet W	Phillips
	17 Clara B Howe	John E and Alice C	Phinney
	20 Mabel B Sears	Henry W and Martha S	Pickens
	23 ——— Davis	Joseph C and Joanna	Megann
	27 Grace W Leonard	Alfred F and Susan E	Gammons
	24 Sarah A Vaughan	George H and Myra C	Wilbur
	6 Abner W Pittsley	William L and Nellie R	Walker
	7 Ralph O Godfrey	Herbert E and Alice M	Bridgham
	7 Nettie I Bryant	Horace L and Ida F	Lee
	10 Edna G Bryant	Hiram and Eunice M	Raymond
	18 Sadie W Raymond	Fred and Carrie B	Rogers
	18 Susan A Bishop	Howard M and Cynthia E	Delano

BIRTHS. — *Continued.*

Date	Name of Child	Names of Parents	Maiden Name
May 24	Lucy B Cudworth	Elisha A and Delia F	Briggs
24	Edna G Vaughan	David E and Mary E	Shaw
27	Delia S Morris	Joseph H and Rachel M	Warford
28	Catharine Paul	John and Emma	Sheuland
28	Maude L Conway	William and Jennie L	Aldrich
June 3	George C Job	Herbert K and Elsie	Curtiss
2	Lucretia B Swift	Elmer E and Minnie	Dow
10	Lawrence T Durfee	Henry K and Henriette R A	Thornton
11	Arthur H Raymond	Albro L and Mary C	Hazelton
11	John Mullens	John and Mary	Houlihan
14	—— Davidson	James and Mary	Baxter
15	Ida L Bearse	William W and Emily D	LeBaron
16	Cora G Johnson	John T and Sukla	Swanson
18	Florence A Clark	Albert H and Flora	Densmore
18	Philippine Fies	L Frederick and Elizabeth	Hess
18	Gilbert M Simmons	Gilbert H and Hattie	Marvill
24	Elwood F Rogers	James C and Elizabeth	Gardner
July 4	Antone Rose	Manuel and Eugaci	Marrier
7	Gertrude E Gay	Bradley L and Catharine	Bagnall
10	Pauline C Schlueter	Henry B and Jennie A	Tripp
18	Lydia F Cobb	Abiatha R and Jennie M	Martell
22	Alan O Warran	Egbert V and Edna M	Sawyer
24	Lillian F Farrington	Leon B and Rosa S	Shaw
26	Anna M Hopkins	Herbert C and Mary M	Hawn
28	Susan E Fuller	G Frank and Emma L	Howes
30	Morris Scanlin	Timothy and Mary	Doolan
Aug 8	Wesley H Raymond	Adoniram W and Mary A	Chamberlain
8	Helen E Shaw	George F and Hannah M	Shaw
8	Clara M Sisson	George A and Alice	Foster
11	Malcolm C Drake	Henry S and Mary C	Tribou
11	Marne J Farrington	William F and Nellie M	Vaughan
23	Anna H Wilber	Ansel C and Mary R	Weston
24	Adelbert O Fuller	Adelbert W and Alice	Doolan
24	Agnes M Fenno	Franklin P and Lydia F	Caswell
Sept 3	Maude G Churbuck	Fred F and Mary A	Ryder
11	Sarah L Arnold	John P and Eleanor	Carr
22	Dora E Norris	Alonzo C and Edith A	Achorn
Oct 1	—— Lowney	Cornelius and Mary	McNamara
10	John B Alden	Arthur P and Lizzie E	Slocum
19	—— Hathaway	Louis E and Annie	
21	Arthur W Lovell	Benj'n P W Jr and Nellie F	Williams
26	Henry F Smith	Henry D and Eliza	Francis
Nov 1	Sumner Perkins	Ernest I and Edith A	Reed
2	Bertha A Hinkley	Arthur M and Kate I	Sherman
3	John T Canavan	Joseph and Mary	Shea
3	Harold B Bates	Edgar L and Abby G	Easton
10	Mary E Anderson	John F and Emma	Leonard
17	Lysander Richmond	Eben A and Cora E	Peirce

BIRTHS. — *Continued.*

Date	Name of Child.	Name of Parents	Maiden Name
Nov 22	Howard J Shurtleff	Frederic F and Emma V	Waterman
24	Kenneth E Bryant	George W and Mary	Peterson
26	—— Tinkham	George F and Lurana W	Thomas
Dec 1	Frederic W Rafuse	William and Lillia M	Pettigrew
3	Harold White	William L Jr and Ada M	Trafford
10	Julia M Thompson	John and Julia	Richard
11	Gorden W Barney	George and Lottie F	Eaton
13	Timothy C Gleason	William H and Catharine	Gorman
16	—— Baker	Austin L and Luella E	Baker
19	Esther B Morse	R Frank and Sarah A	Pratt
20	Henry C Case	Wendall P and Minnie J	Clark
22	Alma Bennett	Asa C and Achsah A	Copeland
24	Paul Kraus	Paul and Fredikero	Dittmer
29	Ralph B Mendall	Lewis B and Florence A	Francis
29	—— Collins	Stephen and Lizzie C	Gardner
30	—— Warren	Malcolm and Agnes C	Ferris
	—— Sinclair	John and Lydia	MacKenzie

DEATHS REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1892.

Date	Name	Age			Disease
		Y	M	D	
Jan 2	Mrs Lavinia T Westgate	40	7	8	Pneumonia
3	Mrs Betsey Shaw	68	2	9	Cancer
3	Mrs Mercy C Briggs	78	10	29	Pneumonia
6	Johnnie H Rogers	19	8	6	Blood poison
8	Susan A King	56	2	2	LaGrippe
9	Mrs Nellie J Westgate	25	10	17	LaGrippe, capillary bronchitis
9	Mrs Elizabeth E Perkins	78	6		Diabetes
10	Mrs Mary W Mellen	65	10	23	Congestion of lungs
12	Mrs Esther E Tobey	68	8	2	Pneumonia
12	Mrs Della L Thomas	21	7	25	Pneumonia
13	Mrs Louisa Cormick	79	9	24	Bronchitis
13	Mrs Waitstill Cushing	63	8	29	Softening of the brain
17	Howard R Dow		2	13	Marasmus
17	Cheney Redding	87		5	Old age
17	Cassandra W Shaw	69		14	Rheumatoid arthritis
18	Mrs Catharine R Mercer	83	10	1	Old age
18	Mrs Catharine Wool	56			Influenza and heart failure
24	Libeus J Churchill	80	9		Influenza
25	Jacob Atwood	83	6	1	LaGrippe and old age
26	Philander W Thompson	51	2		Apoplexy
28	Jason Ripley	80	3	23	Heart disease
30	Betsey Bennett	94	9		Influenza
30	Mrs Sophia T Peirce	71	4	10	Paralysis
Feb 3	Mrs Sally Pratt	89	5		LaGrippe
7	Mrs Clara E Tobey	44		25	Heart failure
9	Mrs Fannie Eaton	76	11		LaGrippe
11	Darius Smith	74	9	4	LaGrippe
11	Abiatha Leonard	85	6	27	Old age
12	Ezekiel B Taylor	43	4		Railroad accident
14	Lillian G Green		6	4	Congestion of lungs
16	Bertha I Bennett		5	28	LaGrippe
16	James H Galligan		4	10	LaGrippe
16	Elizabeth M Ashley	1	8	21	Brain trouble
19	Mrs Percis L Sparrow	67	2	18	Chronic heart disease
21	— Deane			2	Heart failure
22	Cyrus Fuller	79	6	20	Shock
Mar 9	Charles F Alden	59	3	8	Bright's disease
19	Betsey McCully	90		19	Shock
19	Mrs Priscilla R Westgate	82	4	15	Apoplexy
24	Charles W Tribou	75	6	24	Paralysis
25	Mrs Louisa M Pettee	75	7	4	Pneumonia
Apr 4	Thomas Wilder	85			Gangrene
8	Isaac B Tinkham	41	7	23	Railroad accident
12	Frederick E Bryant	3		5	Inflammation of brain

DEATHS. — *Continued.*

Date	Name	Age			Disease
		Y	M	D	
Apr 19	Orrin Wetherbee	80	4	9	Heart disease and chronic bronchitis
20	Mrs Laura A Hathaway	63	2	26	Pneumonia
25	Mrs Betsey J Gammans	43	1	19	Heart disease
May 5	Mrs Lucinda Tillson	79	3	29	Heart failure
8	Minnie T Bunker	24	8	19	Diphtheritic throat
12	Eliab Ward	86	10	12	Asthenia and pulmonary paralysis
16	Patrick Duffy	40			Railroad accident
18	Hannah Jeffers	70			Heart failure
24	Mrs Emily E Holmes	76	5	16	Apoplexy
26	Giuseppe Caporale	38			Railroad accident
26	Christopher C K Pratt	73		24	Heart failure
27	Lewis Eaton	82	2	29	Heart failure
June 1	Mrs Catharine A Hollis	63	10	22	Shock
1	Mrs Sarah A Waters	62	8	26	Shock
6	Mrs Priscilla C Wilber	94	10	27	Bronchitis
8	John A Colvin	76			Neuralgia around the heart
10	Roland Bunker	64	11	2	Consumpt'n of bowels
11	Elbridge W Morse	55	9	5	Bright's disease
13	Sarah K Sparrow	1		23	Capillary bronchitis
13	Mrs Susan W Smith	43	3	30	Consumption
14	Mrs Mary W Richmond	82	1	18	Chronic catarrh of bowels
15	Thomas H Standish	5	5	27	Diphtheria
17	Blanch C Boorn	37	5	8	Elephantiasis
21	Mrs Juliet H Keen	65			Shock
30	George W Smith	48			Accident, thrown from carriage
30	Mrs Lucy B Briggs	70	3	26	Apoplexy
July 4	Antonio G Rose			1	Infantile
7	Mrs Melora A White	79	1	10	Old age
8	Mrs Betsey J Bryant	75	9	2	Influenza and heart failure
14	Orlando W Carver	82	10	17	Shock
18	Carlos Boucher Jr		8		Cholera infantum
18	Mrs Beulah Thomas	90	7	23	Heart disease
22	Mrs Thalia E Johnson	64	4	22	Pneumonia
25	Mrs Mary E McIsaac	36			Cancer
25	Arthur L Aldrich	20		13	Drowning
26	Violet G Gove		3	26	Cholera infantum
28	William H Bradford	51	9	17	Apoplexy
Aug 4	Mrs Mary Mullins	70			Brain softening
13	Emily Currier	81	1	11	Shock
19	Edna F M Bryant		2	21	Cholera infantum

DEATHS. — *Continued.*

Date	Name	Age			Disease
		Y	M	D	
Aug 19	Otis Bent	76	4	16	Chronic cystitis
23	Ralph O Godfrey		3	16	Cholera infantum
26	Mrs Sylvia Pratt	69	11	20	Uremia
27	Mrs Sally C Smith	89	11	18	Muco enteritis
30	George D McPherson	25			Consumption
Sept 14	Mary S Keith	71	7	14	Cancer and heart disease
30	Albert O F Cassingham	52		14	Heart disease
Oct 3	Cynthia D Willis	78	4	6	Shock
3	Lothrop Thomas	73	11	4	Shock
5	John Bennett	83	1		Heart failure
7	Gilbert M Benson	84	9	23	Cancer
8	Elizabeth P King	72	3	18	Gastritic and dysentery
8	Hugh Tulley	67			Paralytic insanity
13	Mrs Achsah C Harding	84	7	4	Heart disease
21	Mrs Sarah J F Winslow	63			Pneumonia
23	Lemuel B Paty	76	4	9	Pneumonia
Nov 1	Annie M Tenney	19	9	2	Consumption
10	Edith T Carter	2	4	22	Diphtheria
11	James G Nichols	79	6	21	Inflammation of bowels
11	Robert Frazer	63			Suicide
12	Warren Wood	57	7	10	Brain trouble
26	Mrs Sarah A Tinkham	75	2	12	Heart failure
28	Mrs Sarah Hunt	90	8	10	Old age
Dec 1	Mrs Carrie E M Jones	58			Heart failure
3	Mrs Sarah M Green	21	10	24	Typhoid fever
17	Gertrude A Bearse	17	1	3	Consumption
17	Arad L Covington	44	8	20	Brain trouble
24	Desire Aldrich	73	7	10	Heart failure
26	William H H Perry	52	5	26	Consumption

SUMMARY.

The following are the statistics of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered in Middleborough for the year 1892 :

MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages registered					80
Oldest groom	63	Oldest bride			52
Youngest groom	17	Youngest bride			16
First marriage of 148 persons		males	72	females	76
Second " "	10	"	"	6	" 4
Third " "	2	"	"	2	
<hr/>		160	80 couples.		

BIRTHS.

Number of births registered				114
Males	53	Females		61

DEATHS.

Number of deaths registered				118
Males	52	Females		66

AGES.

Stillborn	5	Under one year		10
Between 1 and 5 years	4	Between 5 and 10 years		1
" 10 " 20 " "	3	" 20 " 30 " "		6
" 30 " 40 " "	3	" 40 " 50 " "		9
" 50 " 60 " "	10	" 60 " 70 " "		16
" 70 " 80 " "	27	" 80 " 90 " "		19
" 90 " 100 " "	5			

DOGS.

Whole number of dogs licensed in 1892				462
Males	433	Females		29

C. T. THATCHER,

Town Clerk.

VOTE OF MIDDLEBOROUGH,

NOVEMBER 8, 1892.

For President.

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
Harrison and Ried electors at large . . .	58	675	733
Cleveland and Stevenson electors at large . . .	20	392	412
Bidwell and Cranfill electors at large . . .	1	80	81
Weaver and Field . . . " " "	1	22	23
Wing and Matchett . . . " " "		1	1

For Governor.

William H. Haile, of Springfield . . .	57	612	669
Wolcott Hamlin, of Amherst . . .		63	63
Squire E. Putney, of Somerville . . .		2	2
William E. Russell, of Cambridge . . .	21	412	433
Henry Winn, of Malden . . .	1	15	16

For Lieutenant Governor.

James B. Carroll, of Springfield . . .	18	347	365
Edward Kendall, of Cambridge . . .		70	70
William J. Shields, of Boston . . .	2	19	21
Charles N. Wentworth, of Lynn . . .		4	4
Roger Wolcott, of Boston . . .	56	570	626

For Secretary.

Charles S. Hamlin, of Brookline . . .	19	308	327
George Kempton, of Sharon . . .	1	23	24
Frederick A. Nagler, of West Springfield . . .		4	4
William M. Olin, of Boston . . .	50	563	613
Samuel B. Shapleigh, of Boston . . .		67	67

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
Wilbert D. Farnham, Jr., of Somerville	1	68	69
James S. Grinnell, of Greenfield . . .	17	307	324
George A. Marden, of Lowell . . .	53	571	624
James R. Nugent, of Boston . . .		5	5
Thomas A. Watson, of Braintree . . .		22	22

For Auditor.

Alfred H. Evans, of Ashburnham . . .	3	72	75
John W. Kimball, of Fitchburg . . .	51	584	635
Maurice W. Landers, of Springfield . . .	1	18	19
Michael Lynch, of Boston . . .		2	2
Irving B. Sayles, of Millbury . . .	18	302	320

For Attorney General.

Charles S. Lilley, of Lowell . . .	17	300	317
Herbert McIntosh, of Worcester . . .	1	21	22
Albert E. Pillsbury, of Boston . . .	51	576	627
Robert F. Raymond, of New Bedford . . .	2	69	71
James Waldo, of Boston . . .		2	2

For Representative in Congress, 12th District.

Elbridge Cushman, of Lakeville . . .	22	353	375
George W. Dexter, of Weymouth . . .		81	81
Elijah A. Morse, of Canton . . .	56	599	655

For Councillor, 1st District.

Zeba C. Keith, of Brockton . . .	56	596	652
Daniel D. Sullivan, of Fall River . . .	16	306	322
C. D. Kingman, of Middleboro . . .		1	1

For District Attorney, Southeastern District.

Robert O. Harris, of East Bridgewater . . .	52	565	617
Harvey H. Pratt, of Abington . . .	18	353	371

For Sheriff, Plymouth County.

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
John W. Baxendale, of Brockton	16	309	325
Alpheus K. Harmon, of Plymouth	54	579	633
William S. McFarlin, of Carver	1	77	78

For County Commissioner.

Nathan Beal, of Rockland	1	74	75
Walter H. Faunce, of Kingsbury	53	584	637
John S. Loring, of Duxbury	15	304	319

For Special Commissioners.

John W. Delano, of Mansfield	15	295	310
Israel H. Hatch, of Marshfield	2	68	70
Timothy Meany, of Whitman	10	241	251
Andrew J. Pickens, of Middleboro	48	561	609
Edwin Sawtell, of Brockton	1	56	57
Charles W. Seymour, of Hingham	40	430	470

For Commissioners of Insolvency.

George E. Benson, of Plymouth	1	66	67
Fred W. Bixby, of Brockton	48	508	556
James J. Dowd, of Brockton	14	279	293
George T. Mitchell, of East Bridgewater	1	65	66
Chester M. Perry, of Rockland	12	255	267
George W. Stetson, of Lakeville	42	527	569
Frank E. Sweet, of Bridgewater	45	467	512
Leonard Thompson, of Hingham		62	62
Charles W. Turner, of Middleboro	17	301	318

For Representative in General Court, Eighth Plymouth District.

Alvin C. Howes, of Middleboro	2	245	247
Zenas E. Phinney, of Middleboro	19	278	297
Jabez P. Thompson, of Halifax	52	542	594

For Senator, 2d Plymouth District.

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
Edward E. Herrod, of Brockton . . .	17	331	348
Hiram A. Monk, of Brockton . . .	54	567	621
Albert T. Shurtleff, of Carver . . .		81	81
On the question, "Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution abolishing the property qualification for the office of Governor be approved and ratified?"			
Yes	20	291	311
No	22	174	196
Whole number of votes cast in . . .	82	1279	1361

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH
FOR THE
YEAR 1892.

MIDDLEBOROUGH:
PRINTED FOR THE TOWN.
1893.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

AUGUSTUS PRATT.	Term expires 1893.	ADELINE V. WOOD.
ARTHUR B. ALDEN.	Term expires 1894.	GEORGE E. WOOD.
JOHN C. SULLIVAN.	Term expires 1895.	AUGUSTUS H. SOULE.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

JOHN C. SULLIVAN, Chairman.

W. T. LEONARD, Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

WILLARD T. LEONARD.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On Teachers : Messrs. ALDEN, SULLIVAN, and Mrs. WOOD.

On Supplies : Messrs. ALDEN, WOOD, and SULLIVAN.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

Schools Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, Superintendent.

Schools Nos. 3, 4, 19, ADELINE V. WOOD.

Schools Nos. 8, 16, and School Street, ARTHUR B. ALDEN.

Schools Nos. 20, 21, 22, AUGUSTUS PRATT.

Schools Nos. 2, 6, AUGUSTUS H. SOULE.

Schools Nos. 14 and Union Street, GEORGE E. WOOD.

High School, J. C. SULLIVAN.

Office of Superintendent of Schools in the Town House.

Office hours : Mondays, 3.30 to 4.30 P.M. Tuesdays, 8 to 9 A.M. ;

Wednesdays, 12.30 to 1.30 P.M. Thursdays, 8 to 9 A.M.

Fridays, 3.30 to 4.30 P.M.

The regular meetings of the Committee are held on the first Thursday of each month at 2 o'clock P.M.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Middleborough :

The following Financial Report, together with that of the Superintendent, is respectfully submitted by your Committee : —

There has been expended for —

INCIDENTALS.

Roland Bunker	\$5 00
Hiram Whittemore	34 95
Thomas W. Pierce	34 15
Samuel S. Lovell	33 17
J. K. & B. Sears & Co.	6 16
M. H. Cushing & Co.	2 89
Lorenzo Wood	2 00
M. M. Copeland	16 75
A. P. Vaughan	1 00
Martin F. Jefferson	1 00
William E. Bump	5 50
H. L. Thatcher & Co.	41 70
James A. Burgess	37 15
A. J. Wood	37 85
Dura T. Weston	6 25
Lloyd Perkins, 2d	65 30
E. H. Blake	2 50
H. C. Kendall	3 15

Mrs. A. V. Wood	\$50 00
Middleboro Gas & Elec. Light Co.	3 03
Dormenio Hall	75
John P. Morse	6 33
H. A. Sparrow	174 55
R. E. Southworth	62 33
F. W. Hayden	3 50
George Lee	2 00
A. G. Hayes	5 75
J. & G. E. Doane	81 50
Charles W. Drake	3 10
A. B. Alden	7 36
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	\$736 67

TRANSPORTATION TO HIGH SCHOOL.

Emily A. Fuller	\$22 31
Etta F. Shaw	22 31
Jennie G. Shurtleff	22 31
Stella F. Thomas	22 31
Cora T. Cushman	10 16
Helen S. Maxim	16 94
Clifford T. Westgate	16 94
Laura A. Atwood	16 94
Lizzie W. Wade	16 94
Clarence H. Ryder	10 16
Chester M. Pratt	15 64
Rosa L. Allen	15 64
George Coffin	18 40
Arthur S. Aldrich	3 59
Ethel G. Nichols	4 27
Walter A. D. Clark	2 54

Annie B. Gifford . . .	\$6 78
Clarence L. Cushman . .	6 78
Florence Reed . . .	5 63
Nelson Frank . . .	6 78
Nellie C. Benson . . .	8 93
Harry Bump . . .	1 88
W. H. Harvey . . .	6 78
Hattie M. Chase . . .	9 37
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	\$290 33

TRANSPORTATION FROM DISTRICTS.

M. J. Maddigan . . .	\$115 00
George F. Sisson . . .	120 00
Arad R. Dunham . . .	146 25
David N. Wetherbee . .	219 75
William Thornton . . .	171 00
S. F. Atwood . . .	93 20
Addison Barrows . . .	39 00
H. G. Porter . . .	30 00
E. A. Hunt . . .	48 50
Eben A. Shaw . . .	75 00
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	\$1,057 70

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

John Shaw . . .	\$15 41
Thompson, Brown & Co. .	30 07
George F. King & Merrill .	140 11
Boston School Supply Company .	128 02
D. C. Heath & Co. . .	27 35
American Book Company . .	104 32
Silver, Burdette & Co. . .	39 54
J. L. Hammett . . .	4 08

John E. Potter & Co.	\$7 50	
J. H. Buck	42 75	
E. Faber	33 10	
Charles B. Botsford & Co.	11 48	
Ginn & Co.	37 40	
D. Appleton & Co.	10 80	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn	3 00	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	4 05	
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INSTRUCTION, FUEL, AND CARE OF SCHOOL- HOUSES.

Waterville	\$351 70
Green	363 70
Nemasket	294 60
Thompsonville	349 82
Thomastown	356 70
South Middleboro	349 62
Highland	346 85
Rock	362 83
Fall Brook	362 20
Wappanucket	311 20
Purchade	363 20
Plymouth Street	334 60
Pleasant Street	372 80
Centre (including proportion of fuel and janitor's salary in high-school building)	5,513 73
High school	2,643 70
Town of Bridgewater for 1891	46 00
Town of Carver for 1890-91	58 12
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	\$12,781 37

SUMMARY FOR 1892.

Appropriation		\$16,500 00
Expended for superintendency,		
wages, fuel, and care	\$13,981 37	
Expended for incidentals	736 67	
" text books, &c.	638 98	
" transportation to high		
school	290 33	
" transportation to dis-		
tricts	1,057 70	
	<hr/>	\$16,705 05

The salaries paid are inadequate to retain the services of our best teachers. We have increased the length of our school year, and, to keep our schools up to the standard, more money must be raised. We therefore recommend that the sum of \$17,000 be raised for school purposes the coming year, together with the amounts received from tuition. We have from this source now on hand a little over \$400.

Having approved the following report of the Superintendent, we respectfully ask your attention to the same.

J. C. SULLIVAN.
A. H. SOULE.
AUGUSTUS PRATT.
G. E. WOOD.
ADELINE V. WOOD.
A. B. ALDEN.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee of Middleborough :

Gentlemen, — In accordance with the requirement of your regulations, I respectfully submit the following report of the public schools under your charge. It is the eighth of this department, and covers the time from January 1 to December 31, 1892.

The general statistics are given at this point.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

I. POPULATION.

Population of Middleboro, census of 1890	6,065
Number of children between the ages of 5 and 15 residing in Middleboro, May, 1892	927
Increase from report of 1891	74

II. SCHOOLHOUSES.

Number of buildings occupied	16
Number of buildings unoccupied	4
Number of rooms occupied	29
Number of rooms unoccupied	4
Number of sittings :	
High school	178

Grammar schools, grades 5-9 . . .	302
Primary schools, grades 1-4 . . .	300
Mixed schools	449
Total	<u>1,229</u>

III. SCHOOLS.

High school	1
Grammar schools	5
Primary schools	6
Mixed schools	11
Total	<u>23</u>

IV. TEACHERS.

High school	3
Grammar schools	6
Primary schools	6
Mixed schools	11
Training teachers	8
Total number employed	<u>34</u>
Number of teachers employed who are graduates of a normal school or college . . .	10
Number of teachers employed who are graduates of the Middleboro high school . . .	8
Number of teachers employed who have attended a college, normal or training school . . .	18

V. PUPILS.

Number of children between 5 and 15, May, 1892	927
Increase	74

Whole number of pupils registered in public schools	1,072
Increase	45
Number of pupils registered under 5 years .	8
Number of pupils registered between 5 and 8 years	260
Number of pupils registered between 8 and 14 years	594
Number of pupils registered between 14 and 15 years	98
Number of pupils registered between 15 and 16 years	46
Number of pupils registered over 16 years .	66
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	1,072
Average number of pupils belonging to schools	841.6
Average daily attendance	734.13
Average per cent of attendance to number belonging	87.2
Number of pupils in the village	681
Number of half days' absence	44,612
Number of cases of tardiness	2,633
Number of cases of dismissal	1,752
Number of cases of truancy	20

VI. FINANCIAL.

Total cost of the schools	\$16,705 05
Cost per pupil on whole enrolment	15 58
Cost per pupil for average number belonging	19 84

EXPENDITURES.

The amount of money required to maintain the schools in an efficient manner is necessarily large, the largest item of the annual appropriations, and the one most freely voted by the taxpayers. That this sum has been disbursed economically no one familiar with the schools and school expenditures will readily doubt. The total cost of the schools the past year has been \$16,705.05. As explained in last year's report, these amounts must go higher each year, as additional amounts are required for coal, transportation, and salaries. The chief cause of the present increase, however, has been the lengthening of the school term to forty weeks per year, thus placing our schools on a par with those of the large towns in the Commonwealth. Our enrolment shows a gain of forty-five pupils, — a fair-sized school. While the whole cost has been greater, the cost per pupil has not increased. This year the cost has been on the whole enrolment \$15.58, against \$15.39 and \$16.40 for the two years before; on the average number belonging this year, \$19.84, against \$20.11 and \$22.57 for the two previous years. We are glad to report these figures, as they bear out the statement of the school officials that rigid economy is practised in all the management of the schools.

The schools have had a successful year. The time of school life for the primary and grammar grades, which had been allowed to reach ten years, has been reduced to the regular nine years. Many who are able to complete the course in less time are not obliged to wait for the regular promotions, but are advanced as occasion may require. This has no reference to the special promotion to the high school last year, which was incidental to the reduction of

the course to the regular nine years. Of the number thus promoted, while some have fully met our expectations, the work of others has been far from satisfactory. It is an irreparable wrong to keep a pupil who is able to advance, thrashing over the old straw from which he has already obtained the grain. A pupil's mind should be kept active and growing, and any condition adverse to such a state is most disastrous.

The crowded condition of the lower grades has necessitated, in the School Street building, a division of the classes, a part sitting in one room, another part of the same class sitting in another, yet both doing the same work and forming one class.

An important work of the year has been the adoption of a new course of study, and its application, as far as possible, to the schools. It is not easy for one not actively engaged in school work, even though greatly interested in the children, to really understand what this means. Therefore parents are cordially invited to visit the schools frequently to see for themselves the actual daily life of the scholars. While not yet fully completed, enough has been accomplished to receive the hearty commendation of those most interested and best able to judge. The policy outlined last year has been carried out, and there has been an advance all along the line. In the first years the change in number work is very marked. It is believed that by the present methods much time is saved, while the character of work accomplished is immensely improved. The remarks in last year's report concerning methods pursued are of interest in this connection, and attention is again called to them.

TRAINING SCHOOL.

Our training school, now in its second year, was established that we might have at command a number of trained teachers of some experience to meet the demands of the schools, either as substitutes or as regular teachers; that merit alone should be the condition of appointment, and not the necessity of the moment, or the persistency and influence of the applicant. It was believed that these results might be accomplished at no increased expense to the town, and with profit to the pupils of the classes. Its work thus far justifies our expectations.

There have been connected with the school this fall ten young women, six from our high school and four from out of town. Of these, six secured positions during the term; only three remained till the close. The advantages offered by this school are many and important. They include a course in the history of education, a course in psychology, theory and practice of teaching, and the application of correct principles of teaching to a class of pupils under the direction of an experienced teacher. It will thus be seen that the graduates of our high school have special opportunities; but at least one year's connection with the school should be required before granting a teacher's certificate.

To keep pace with the needs of a broad and comprehensive education, requires carefully trained teachers, enthusiastically devoted to their work. To-day more is required of our grammar-school pupils than was formerly demanded of our teachers. "The world advances, and in time outgrows the ways that in our father's time were best." We demand much more of a teacher to-day than simply the ability to teach arithmetic, reading, writing, and the other

studies of the course. At least the elements of psychology and physiology, and the laws that govern mental and bodily development, are required of the teacher if she is to train the child's mind, develop power of thought, and promote healthy physical conditions. No one will say we should stop here, but that moral training should receive the attention its importance demands. This requires teachers of mature judgment and of lofty purpose. Just here is the province of discipline, which is concerned not simply with order and prompt obedience, but with the motives used in restraining from wrong and inciting to proper action. The moral tone of the school will be raised as the teacher appeals successfully to the higher springs of action. But it is too much to expect that the school shall wholly eradicate the influence of the street and of unfortunate homes. Still the school can and does have an important influence upon the moral character of its pupils, and every true teacher seeks to have this influence as great as possible. The duty of every teacher is clearly defined in the following extract from the laws of our Commonwealth:—

"It shall be the duty of all instructors of youth to exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children and youth committed to their care and instruction the principles of piety and justice, and a sacred regard to truth; love of their country, humanity, and universal benevolence; sobriety, industry, and frugality; chastity, moderation, and temperance; and those other virtues which are the ornament of human society, and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded; and it shall be the duty of such instructors to endeavor to lead their pupils, as their ages and capacities will admit, into a clear understanding of the tendency of the above-mentioned virtues, to

preserve and perfect a republican constitution, and secure the blessings of liberty, as well as to promote their future happiness, and also to point out to them the evil tendency of the opposite vices."

ATTENDANCE.

This subject, though old and hackneyed, is nevertheless of great importance. There has been the past year a very large amount of absenteeism. The record is not a pleasant one to contemplate. Undoubtedly it is caused in great part by our custom of counting all absent marks, even in cases of protracted illness. Again, our schools are in session every school day, and no degree of storm or cold is allowed to interfere. On such days, while the upper grades can properly attend, many of the primary scholars must necessarily be absent. The large number of outlying schools where the pupils walk a mile and a half or two miles, and in some cases are transported over four miles, is also an important factor. A radius of more than ten miles is required to include all our school population. Mumps, whooping-cough, and measles, so prevalent throughout the town during the year, are responsible for their part. Still, making every allowance, presenting every excuse, there remains a large number of cases, probably 20,000 half days' absence the past year, unaccounted for. Are the teachers at fault, or does the responsibility rest with the parents? No more important question confronts the schools, no more important factor enters into the life and training of the child. The loss of interest in study consequent upon the absence, the habit of idleness and indifference formed, leave their impress upon the character, and here, as elsewhere, the child is the father of the man.

The increased number of cases of truancy reported does not prove that truancy has increased during the year, but that more cases have been investigated than usual; that both teachers and truant officers are more active in their efforts to secure a better attendance and to create a sentiment in its favor in the town. We quote elsewhere the law upon this subject.

TRUANT OFFICER'S REPORT.

W. T. LEONARD, *Superintendent of Schools*:

An effort was made with the year just closed to ascertain, if possible, why so many scholars were absent from school, and the reason thereof; and after a thorough investigation by a truant officer, it was decided the main reason lies with the parents. Scholars are allowed to play in the morning and the noon time until the time for school to begin, and then are sent on errands and kept out a half-day or sent to school late. Small excuses are given,—the weather, or the walking, or the distance, and in one family the children were in need of proper clothes, and, when provided, they then wanted to ride. If parents would endeavor to keep the children at school as much as they do to keep them out, the public would note a marked difference in the coming year. Parents in some cases are so anxious to get their children to work that they gained two years in one in age, and a miss of thirteen or fourteen is clothed to look like a woman of forty. I think the manufacturers of this town are more particular than they have been not to hire children within the school age. A child is taken from some home to work with the distinct understanding that it shall attend school the time required by law, and is kept out. The main trouble in certain families is, that for generation

after generation they have been neglectful to attend school, and they have a desire that their descendants shall not have any more learning than their ancestors. Complaint is made in a good many families that children are kept back in the class, and that the teacher is at fault, when, if that child is allowed to attend school without any non-attendance, he or she will soon find their proper place in the class and school. From a careful survey of the whole matter, while we have no child that can be called an habitual truant, we have a large per cent of children who, for no particular reason, are kept out of school, and thereby the schools of this town do not take that rank in the State that, with the corps of teachers and the accommodations provided, they should take.

JAMES A. BURGESS,
Truant Officer.

COURSE OF STUDY.

The course of study adopted by the Committee and printed in this connection does not assume to be exhaustive or complete, but presents an outline merely of what we are attempting to do. It contains no startling changes, but follows the lines and methods which experience has proved valuable. Some things well known elsewhere are of more recent date here. Particularly important we deem the Syllabus in Literature, as supplementary reading for our grammar schools, and the oral instruction, including nature study. We think it much better that the child should study the classics of our language, and that, as far as possible, in complete selections. The work in nature study is not as yet so well defined, but we would at least make a beginning.

We quote in this connection a paragraph from Miss Brasill's first report of her work at Quincy:

"This being the first year that such study was undertaken, it seemed best to begin in a very simple way, increasing slowly the amount of work to be done, and adding new lines as interest and familiarity with the subject matter would warrant. We have been able to broaden the work quite rapidly, and, for the first year, much has been accomplished.

"Systematic study of any subject has not been attempted, that belonging properly to a high-school course. The aim has been rather to awaken in the pupil an interest in the world around him; to so direct his natural curiosity that, by his own observation, he shall become possessed of the elementary facts on which to base later study, and to develop in him that love and sympathy for nature which will be to him a continual source of pleasure, and an incentive to carry beyond the years of school life the habits of study formed there. To accomplish this, a series of lessons involving a wide range of observation, a little study on many lines, continued through several years, is better than close application to a few subjects. Not to make of the child a botanist, geologist, or chemist, but to lead him to become acquainted with the world in which he lives, is the result to be sought in the lower grades. Such has been the thought which has guided the planning and directing of the nature study now in progress in the schools. . . . For the present we are chiefly concerned with the work in its relation to pupils who leave the schools at or before the close of the grammar course. Such, if properly trained and directed, have gained in power to observe closely, to

describe accurately and concisely, to see relations, and to look back of observed phenomena to causes."

STATUTE LAWS.

In order that all may fully understand the law concerning the following matters, and the authority by which the school officers are governed, the statutes relating to the same are quoted. These laws are of especial interest to all, for everything that relates to the lives and health of our children is of vital importance. All also should be equally interested in the impartial enforcement of all laws and regulations adopted for the best interests of our people :

"An act to prevent the spread of contagious diseases through the public schools.

"Chapter sixty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four is hereby amended so that it shall read as follows : The School Committee shall not allow any pupil to attend the public schools while any member of the household to which such pupil belongs is sick of small-pox, diphtheria, or scarlet fever, or during a period of two weeks after the death, recovery, or removal of such sick person ; and any person coming from such household shall be required to present to the teacher of the school the pupil desires to attend, a certificate from the attending physician or board of health, of the facts necessary to entitle him to admission in accordance with the above regulation."

[Approved April 29, 1885.

Small-pox, diphtheria, and scarlet fever are the only diseases included in the statute ; other ailments incident to childhood, as measles and whooping-cough, are left to the discretion of those immediately concerned.

Chapter 47, section 9, of the Public Statutes reads as follows: "The school committee shall not allow a child who has not been duly vaccinated to be admitted to or connected with the public schools."

Chapter 80, section 51, is as follows:—

"Parents and guardians shall cause their children and wards to be vaccinated before they attain the age of two years, and revaccinated when the selectmen or mayor and aldermen shall, after five years from the last vaccination, require it. For every year's neglect the party offending shall forfeit five dollars.

"Section 52. The selectmen and mayor and aldermen shall require and enforce the vaccination of all the inhabitants, and, when in their opinion the public health requires it, the revaccination of all the inhabitants who do not prove to their satisfaction that they have been successfully vaccinated or revaccinated within five years. Every person over twenty-one years of age, not under guardianship, who neglects to comply with any such requirement, shall forfeit five dollars."

Section 53 of the same chapter is as follows:—

"Towns shall furnish the means of vaccination to such of their inhabitants as are unable to pay for the same."

The act relative to the attendance of children in the schools — amended in 1890 — reads as follows:—

"Section 1. Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, and such attendance shall continue for at least thirty weeks of the school year, if the schools are kept open that length of time, with an allowance of two weeks' time for absences not excused by

the superintendent of schools or the school committee, and for every neglect of such duty the person offending shall, upon the complaint of the school committee or truant officer, forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but if such child has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or has already acquired the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable, such penalties will not be incurred.

[Approved January 4, 1891.]

An act, approved March 21, 1890, provides that "In all the public schools of the commonwealth the last regular session prior to Memorial Day, or a portion thereof, shall be devoted to exercises of a patriotic nature."

CHANGES OF TEACHERS.

From January to June no change in our teaching force occurred. At the beginning of the fall term, Miss Phinney from the training school succeeded Miss Robbins, resigned, at Nemasket. In the high school very soon after the opening of the fall term Miss Macgregor was threatened with nervous prostration, and resigned. She was succeeded by Miss Magay, who, after successfully teaching six weeks, resigned to accept a largely increased salary elsewhere. Miss Magay was followed by Miss Woodbury, a recent

graduate of Wellesley College, who is proving herself a faithful, conscientious teacher.

At Waterville, at the Thanksgiving recess, Miss Stetson resigned to be married, and was succeeded by Miss Barden of the training school.

AVERAGE AGE.

			Yrs.	Mos.
Average age of pupils,	first class,	high school,	17	8
"	"	second class	17	3
"	"	third class	16	1
"	"	fourth class	15	0
"	"	first class, grammar school	13	11
"	"	second class	13	7
"	"	third class	12	4
"	"	fourth class	12	4
"	"	fifth class	10	11

This table gives the average age of the pupils in the high and grammar schools, January 1, 1893.

To all who by their sympathy and co-operation show their interest in our schools, our most cordial thanks are due.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD T. LEONARD,

Superintendent of Schools.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, January 2, 1893.

APPENDIX A.

ITEMIZED REPORT OF THE SCHOOLS FROM JANUARY 1, 1892, TO JANUARY 1, 1893.

SCHOOLS.	GRADES.	Total number enrolled.	Average number belonging.	Average daily attendance.	Percent of attendance to number belonging.	No. of half days' absence.	No. of cases of tardiness.	No. of cases of dismissal.	No. of cases of corporal punishment.	No. of cases of truancy.	No. of visits.	TEACHERS January, 1893.
High	5 Classes	134	82.	79.	96	1264	290	194			87	{ Walter Sampson, A.M. Zilpha Chase, A.B. Mabel B. Woodbury, A.B. John P. Arnold.
Grammar	IX.	55	41.	37.6	92	1342	153	131			34	Annie A. Lovell.
Grammar	VIII.	59	43.	40.	93	1511	52	123		1	46	Jennie Bennett.
Grammar	VII.	51	44.6	40.9	92	1517	54	112			64	Nellie M. Bennett.
Grammar	VI.	48	38.5	34.7	90	1429	34	82		1	61	Mary E. Frink.
Grammar	V.	82	69.8	63.3	91	2700	256	220	12	1	109	Millie A. Rhodehouse.
Primary	IV., V.	53	48.5	43.6	90	2099	208	112	11	8	109	M. Evelyn Holloway.
Primary	III., IV.	53	48.8	42.9	88	2242	151	213	8	1	116	{ Julia M. Barry and Train- ing Teachers.
Primary	II.	89	84.2	73.8	88	4299	225	36	17	4	143	Carrie E. Alden.
Primary	I.	57	54.	43.	80	4417	219	40	9		112	Mary A. G. Livingstone.
Primary	I. to V.	29	19.9	17.1	85	1131	70	38	1		172	Clara W. Eaton.
Primary	I. to V.	17	15.2	12.4	81	603	94	40	5	2	89	Eleanor A. Barden.
Waterville	Mixed	43	28.	22.	79	3970	94	13			48	Lillian B. Alden.
Green	"	43	27.	22.8	84	1569	119	112			52	Emma N. Phinney.
Nemasket	"	30	23.2	19.3	83	1521	120	49	7		51	Mary E. Deane.
Thompsonville	"	25	18.4	15.7	85	1086	30	13			36	

Thomastown . . .	Mixed	38	27.7	23.2	84	1442	61	18	1	33	Sarah O. Morse.
South Middleboro . .	"	24	17.1	15.2	89	2185	17	20		45	Ada D. Anthony.
Highland . . .	"	13	12.7	8.7	69	888	31	21	3	38	Mary W. Wentworth.
Rock . . .	"	45	36.	30.5	85	1962	153	49	2	65	Helen J. Gibbs.
Wappanuckct . . .	"	27	14.6	11.5	79	2921	82	19	5	33	A. Belle Tenney.
Fall Brook . . .	"	23	21.8	14.9	69	1160	47	92	4	37	Jennie W. Lovell.
Purchase . . .	"	34	25.6	22.2	87	1354	73	5	2	38	Lucia A. Drake.

APPENDIX B.

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF THE MIDDLEBORO HIGH
SCHOOL, 1892.

Order of Exercises.

Prayer,

Rev. M. F. Johnson.

Oration, — Earth's Battlefields,

Florence Emerson Thompson.

Declamation, — The Bartholdi Statue,

Arthur Horton Tripp.

Piano Duet,

Dele Kingman and Harry Wood.

Class History,

Nellie Houston Swift.

Declamation, — Crazy Patchwork,

Lillie May Thomas.

Vocal Solo,

Mabelle Louise Tobey.

Oration, — The Liquor Problem,

John Henry Harlow Alden.

Essay, — Friendship,

Nellie Talbot Alden.

Piano Solo,

Harry Wood.

Declamation, — Grant Monument Speech,

Charles Edwin Ryder.

Class Prophecy,

Edith Allerton Roberts.

French Declamation, — Les Pourboires sur le Rhin,

Lizzie Bennet Lucas.

Vocal Duet,

Arleen Hackett and Lillie May Thomas.

Declamation, — The Street Musicians,

Mabelle Louise Tobey.

Essay, — "I thirst,"

Carrie Hollingsworth Parker.

Presentation of Diplomas,

J. C. Sullivan, Esq.,

Chairman School Committee.

Benediction.

GRADUATES OF 1892.

John Henry Harlow Alden.	Charles Edwin Ryder.
Nellie Talbot Alden.	Nellie Houston Swift.
Lizzie Bennett Lucas.	Lillie May Thomas.
Carrie Hollingsworth Parker.	Flor'nce Emerson Thompson.
Edith Allerton Roberts.	Mabelle Louise Tobey.
Arthur Horton Tripp.	

Class Motto, — "Row, not Drift."

APPENDIX C.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1893.

Winter term commences	. . . . .	Jan. 9.
closes	. . . . .	March 31.
vacation	. . . . .	one week.
Spring term commences	. . . . .	April 10.
closes	. . . . .	June 30.
vacation	. . . . .	nine w'ks.
Fall term commences	. . . . .	Sept. 5.
closes	. . . . .	Dec. 22.
vacation	. . . . .	two weeks.

COURSE OF STUDY.

MIDDLEBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The course of study only outlines what is to be done in the different grades, and is intended to represent what the average teacher can accomplish with pupils of fair ability.

It will be changed from time to time as the necessities of the case may require. Specific directions will be given at grade meetings, where methods will be discussed and results compared. It is hoped by this means to secure uniformity in the general nature and order of the work, without trammelling the individuality of the teacher. Teachers will make a study of methods, and select such as are best adapted to their work, the quality of instruction being regarded as of first importance.

Acknowledgments are due to the valuable reports of the Board of Education, and to Prince's "Courses and Methods."

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

First Year.

Grade I.

NUMBER.

Two exercises a day. Objects should be used in all exercises in number. Develop the idea of numbers from one to ten, teaching but one number at a time. Add, multiply, subtract, and divide, but make no combination greater than the number taught, using essentially the Grube method. Let both teacher and pupil perform with

objects all the operations upon each number, and state clearly what each sees the other do. When an operation is performed with the blocks, stories based upon the given combination may be made. In these stories, encourage as far as possible originality of expression, but let no one put a question unless he knows the right answer. Gradually the pupils may be led to make up the stories without the objects; and at last combinations may be expressed without reference to objects.

Let the pupil master all the combinations within that limit, and all the separations that can be made with that number and lower numbers, before passing to the next higher. Roman numerals to X.

Count to twenty. Teach counting by objects, presenting in groups the numbers named. Treat addition and multiplication as kindred forms of combination; subtraction and division, of separation. Teach the signs of $+$, $-$, \times , $)$, $($, $=$. Practise forming combinations and separations rapidly after the ideas of number are fixed in the pupil's mind. The writing, on slate and blackboard, of the nine digits and the cipher is to be taught very carefully, one figure at a time, and in this order, — 1, 4, 7, 0, 6, 9, 5, 2, 3, 8. Count with the objects, by ones, twos, &c., and then lead the pupil to say, as expression of his idea, two twos are four, three twos are six. Drill upon abstract numbers may be begun as soon as the pupils acquire a thorough knowledge of the combinations with objects. Aim here and always in arithmetic, at two results, — the development of the reasoning powers, and the habit of rapid and accurate calculation.

Coins, from one cent to ten cents, inclusive.

Gill, pint, quart, inch, square inch, foot, square foot,

yard, square yard, gallon, peck, bushel, couple, pair, week.

LANGUAGE.

Oral Lessons. — Ascertain each child's range of ideas and forms of expression. Gain each child's confidence. Lead pupils to feel at home in the school-room. Talk about familiar things. Tell stories, and lead pupils to tell what they remember. Show pictures, and lead pupils to tell stories about them. Begin to correct wrong forms of expression very carefully, so that the children's freedom in talking may not be repressed. Encourage original expressions, and do not expect to correct every mistake at first; rarely while a child is talking. Purpose: to accustom pupils to express their knowledge in correct forms of speech. Material: reading and observation lessons, pictures, and whatever the ingenuity of the teacher may suggest; familiar domestic animals. Attention should never be called to errors: simply supply the proper form.

Reading. — Vocabulary of about one hundred words taught to be read at sight in easy combinations, from script representations. Present first the idea, using objects, pictures, and stories, in order to make the ideas vivid in the acts of association; then the spoken word; finally the written word on the blackboard. Repeat these acts of association until the words taught recall instantly, in any sentence, the ideas of which they are signs. Write plainly on the blackboard, so that it can be easily seen by all, and in a style worthy of imitation. Use and require conversational tones and proper phrasing. After a hundred or two words have been taught in this way, books may be used for a part of the time, and the class will take up the first reader with little difficulty. Continue the use of the blackboard,

and use the first half of several books. Three lessons a day at least.

Writing and Spelling. — Copy from blackboard or slips on slate the words, phrases, and sentences taught. Use capitals and periods in writing. Practise upon the letter *i* with and without copy. This letter should be mastered before a single step in advance is taken. Then follow with *u, w, n, m, v, x*. Use long pencils, and pay particular attention to position of the body and holding the pen. Allow no child to use the left hand in writing.

MUSIC.

Systematic instruction and drill in music adapted to the grade and attainments of the pupils throughout the course.

DRAWING.

The Work of the First Year.

Models and Objects Studied.

Models. { Sphere, cube, cylinder, hemisphere, square prism, right-angled triangular prism.
Circle, square, oblong, semi-circle, right-angled triangle.

Objects. Fruits, boxes, &c.

For Teacher. Prang's Primary Manual on Use of Models.

Nature of Pupils' Work.

The solids are taken in the order given. They are first studied as *wholes* by grasping and by handling. They are then modelled in clay, and then used in building and arranging. Next their surfaces are studied, which gives the plane figures or tablets. Then these tablets are used in arrangements of various objects and decorative figures. Next follows the folding and cutting the shapes of these

tablets. Then the laying of sticks to represent the edges of the tablets and simple forms; and finally, drawing, the representing by lines of the outlines or edges of the forms and objects studied.

When pupils have become acquainted with the models, they are then led to study objects of similar forms.

It will be observed that the pupils' work consists principally of *studying through doing*; that the ideas of form are all derived from models or objects, and that drawing is not called for until an idea of the form or object is fixed in the mind.

The drawing at this stage should be of the freest kind. Pupils should not be hampered by rules at the outset, but should be led gradually into proper sitting positions and proper ways of holding the pencil.

ORAL INSTRUCTION.

Under this head is included all the instruction given orally upon plants, minerals, and animals; their properties and qualities, observations of nature, the human body, and whatever elementary science is taught in the schools. The aim is not so much to teach many facts as it is to cultivate the pupils' power of observation, to quicken the imagination, and to awaken an interest in and a love for the things of nature. These lessons are valuable just in the proportion the pupils really do the observing, draw their own inferences, and reach their own conclusions. They are failures when the pupils merely try to remember what the teacher tells them about an object they may be looking at. Although the skill required to teach such lessons properly is apparently less common than skill in teaching other branches, yet no teacher need be discouraged.

Make a careful preparation of every lesson, and have a definite object in your mind in presenting it. Let each pupil have something to do or to see, and have the freest expression of what he sees. Use variety both in subject and manner as an incentive to curiosity, and do not extend the lesson when the interest fails. Enthusiasm and tact on the part of the teacher will make the few minutes spent in this exercise, in this grade, a time of great pleasure as well as profit.

These will include lessons to develop the idea of —

Color. — red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet, white, black, — applying these colors to objects both present and absent.

Place. — On, above, over, under, left, right, and the like.

Size. — Large, small, long, short, larger, largest, great, little.

Qualities. — Rough, smooth, hard, soft, heavy, light, sweet, sour.

Lessons on the Human Body. — Parts of the body, their uses and movements; the care and protection of them.

Familiar Plants. — Flower, leaf, stem, root, bud, fruit, seed.

Animals. — Cat, dog, horse, cow, hen, duck, pigeon, rabbit, sparrow.

Observations of Nature. — Sky, clouds, rain, snow, sun, moon, stars, ground, rocks, water.

Morals and Manners. — Awaken the moral sense of the pupil; lead him to distinguish between right and wrong. Teach proper behavior at school, on the street; duties to parents, teachers, brothers, sisters; habits of order, neatness, cheerfulness.

*Second Year.**Grade II.*

NUMBER.

Numbers to twenty, inclusive, and the various combinations which may enter into the development of each. Original problems, with and without objects. A great variety and amount of concrete problems. Written arithmetic, using small numbers. Coins of the United States; Roman notation; writing numbers to one hundred; dozen; tenths; 12 inches = 1 foot; 16 oz. = 1 lb.

LANGUAGE.

Oral and written are both of great importance. Use the same general material as in the first grade: stories in connection with reading and observation lessons; stories from pictures; stories related by the teacher and reproduced by the pupils. Simplest form of letter-writing. The whole vocabulary that has been acquired by reading should be used in expressing thought with the pencil. Recitations and memory gems. Teach use of capitals, period, and question-marks. Simplest uses of comma.

The children may write, in short sentences, descriptions of pictures or familiar objects, sentences to be correct in every particular.

READING.

Continue work of first year. Several first readers completed; second readers studied.

Easy sight-reading from first readers daily. Teach every new word on blackboard. Teach correct position for reading, also proper manner of holding the book.

Spelling. — From the reader, both oral and written.

Writing. — Copying from blackboard, slips, and from

dictation. Review the work of the previous grade, and practise upon all the letters, large and small.

DRAWING.

The Work of the Second Year.

Models and Objects Studied.

Models. { Ellipsoid, ovoid, equilateral triangular prism,
cone, square pyramid, vase form.
[Elipse, oval, equilateral triangle, isoceles] tri-
angle, square.

Objects. — Leaves, fruit, boxes, &c.

For Teacher. — Prang's 'Primary Manual on Use of Models.

Nature of Pupils' Work.

The pupils' work for this year is of the same general character as in the first year. With the introduction of more type forms and objects, the pupils will find an increased interest in the work. Indeed, the work of the first two years has been specially planned to enlist the interest of the children, as the first step in getting their observing powers actively engaged.

The underlying idea in all the work is that pupils should *discover* the properties of form with as little telling on the part of the teacher as possible.

The solids and plane forms given in these first two years are the principal type forms; and as the finding and representing of like forms is a prominent feature in the work, it has been thought better to limit the number of type forms studied to the common forms, rather than to attempt to take up all the type forms.

More attention should be paid to position while drawing this year than in the previous year, and also to pencil hold-

ing. At the close of this year pupils should have acquired good *habits of work*, so as to enter intelligently upon the work of the following years, where drawing forms the greater part of the exercises.

ORAL INSTRUCTION.

Color. — Common and harmonizing colors.

Place. — Relative position, relative distances; inch, foot, yard; plans: top of desk, floor of schoolroom, yard; points of compass.

Qualities. — Fluid, solid, hot, cold.

Plants. — Names of common plants; parts of plants; parts and shape of leaf; parts of flowers; petals, stamens, pistils.

Human Body. — Organs of senses; what they are, and how used; care and protection.

Observations of Nature. — Air, wind, dew, frost, hill, brook, river.

Morals and Manners. — Lead pupils to distinguish, appreciate, and name moral qualities, illustrating by familiar anecdotes and biographical sketches such qualities as honesty, patience, industry, obedience, kindness, generosity, courage, &c.

Third Year.

Grade III.

NUMBER.

Add, subtract, multiply, and divide to one hundred. A great variety and amount of concrete problems. Class exercises on the blackboard. Columns of figures added orally. Written arithmetic from the board. Deal with small numbers until accuracy and rapidity are required. Oral work must continue to occupy at least as much atten-

tion as written work. The handling of blocks by pupils should be dispensed with as soon as they are able to understand the numbers thoroughly without them. Original concrete examples by pupils. Notation and numeration to thousands; Roman notation continued. Second, minute, hour; ounce, pound; simple examples in making change, always by addition, never by subtraction.

Begin United States money. Measuring, buying, and selling. The numbers from twenty to one hundred may be taught by splints in groups of ten combined with ones; as one ten and three are thirteen; two tens and three are twenty-three.

LANGUAGE.

Miss Hyde's First Book, part I.

Material of preceding grades enlarged. Stimulate thought and cultivate the imagination by a free use of pictures, anecdotes, and objects of natural history. Pupils should be able to express in good language the thoughts in the lessons that they read, and write an original letter correct in form and terms. Short stories read silently, and then reproduced orally and in writing. Great care should be taken to have pupils use correct language. Memory gems.

Write the date. Write stories from plan. Common contractions. Days of the week. Names of the months.

READING.

Several second readers. Easy pieces from third readers. Pay special attention to distinct enunciation, correct pronunciation, full clear tones, and naturalness of expression. Teach exclamation-mark, apostrophe, hyphen, titlepage, table of contents, frontispiece, margin, common abbrevia-

tions, words alike in sound but of different orthography. Common diacritical marks.

Teach and train pupils to understand the prominent objects mentioned, the prominent facts concerning the object; what they read, and be able to tell the story or principal facts, the connected thought, and to express it orally and in writing. Attend to marks of punctuation, expression, breath. Teach elements of sound.

Spelling. — From the reader, both oral and written. Writing of sentences dictated from the reader.

Require the children to write various sentences from the story. In all oral spelling, pronounce the syllables.

Writing. — Pupils will use pen and ink. Copying from blackboard, cards, and readers. Practise all the small letters and the capitals, using always the same form.

Practise finger movements with dry pens. Use practice paper with ink.

DRAWING.

The Work of the Third Year.

Models and Objects Studied.

Models. { Sphere, hemisphere, cube.
 { Circle, semicircle, square.

Objects. Fruits, leaves, fans, boxes, &c.

For Teacher. Prang's Shorter Course Manual.

Nature of Pupils' Work.

The work of the first two years is reviewed, and the study of objects now becomes more careful and systematic. Objects of a spherical and cubical character are taken up. Pupils are to find out *by their own observation* the facts and the appearance of these objects, and to tell, by making in paper and by drawing, what they discover. Drawing,

therefore, with paper folding and pattern making, now becomes the principal means of expression. The models and industrial objects are now studied with reference to the facts of their forms, and not as to their appearance as wholes. The fruits and natural forms are studied with reference to their general outlines.

The plane geometric figures are used for making decorative arrangements, illustrating the principles of symmetry and repetition. These arrangements are then drawn.

Particular attention is now paid to correct position, proper pencil holding, and to the free and rapid drawing of long, bold lines. From this point onward, skill in drawing receives more and more attention.

Oral Instruction.

Color. — The prismatic colors, tints, and shades; complementary colors, harmony and contrast of colors. Designs.

Place. — The semi-cardinal points of the compass. Plans drawn to scale.

Qualities. — Brittle, tough, elastic, fragrant, opaque, transparent.

Human Body. — Lessons on how and why we eat; offices of the blood; how we breathe, and why we need pure air; uses of the skin and senses.

Plants and Animals. — Grouped by resemblances, habits, and uses; trees, shrubs, vegetables; growth from seed to fruit traced; common plants distinguished; grass-eaters; flesh-eaters; animals with hoofs, claws, wings. In preparation for geography, those animals that live on the land, in the water, fly through the air; live in hot countries, in cold countries.

Observations of Nature. — The seasons ; changes in time of sunrise and sunset ; the new moon, the full moon ; the natural features of the vicinity ; land surface, water surface ; give geographical names.

Morals and Manners. — Let every case of quarrelling, cruelty, deception, profanity, &c., be made to appear in its true light.

Fourth Year.

Grade IV.

NUMBER.

Thorough review of preceding years.

Written Arithmetic. — Teach minuend, subtrahend, divisor, dividend, multiplicand, multiplier, sum, remainder, difference, product, quotient. Find areas of surfaces and solid contents. Oral exercises with simple numbers and concrete mental problems very prominent. Constantly practise rapid combinations of simple numbers. United States money, and so lead to decimals of two places. Teach by objects to add, subtract, multiply, and divide easy fractions. Oral exercises involving inches, feet, yards ; pints, quarts, gallons ; pecks, bushels ; dozen. Pay great attention to neatness and order in all written work. Practise reading and writing numbers through three periods. Continue exercises in making change. Teach to read and write any combinations of Roman numerals to the date of the year. Teach 50%, 25%, $33\frac{1}{3}\%$, 75%, 100%.

LANGUAGE.

Finish Miss Hyde's First Book, part II.

Oral and written exercises in the use of language as an expression of thought. Special attention to be given to correct forms of speech. Reproduction of short stories ;

description of pictures. Use of synonymes; distinguish carefully between definition and synonyme. Teach the meaning of sentence, statement, command, question, exclamation; all the marks of punctuation, the diacritical and accent marks, and abbreviations.

Reading. — Several second or third readers; much sight-reading from second and third readers. General exercises in phonic analysis and vocal drill. Careful drill in articulation, emphasis, and inflection.

Spelling. — Continue the work of the preceding grades. The more difficult words may be written in a blank book, for convenience in reviewing. Attention should be given to the names of persons and of familiar places. Words of regular orthography and the commonly used adverbs, pronouns, adjectives, prepositions, the common colloquial vocabulary, having been thoroughly treated in the previous grades, special attention should now be given to the words of irregular or peculiar forms as they occur in the reading and other lessons. In all oral spelling pronounce the syllables.

Writing. — Practise in the various movements of arm, hand, and fingers, with pen held correctly.

GEOGRAPHY.

Potter's Elementary, as may be prescribed.

DRAWING.

The Work of the Fourth Year.

Models and Objects Studied.

Models. { Cylinder, square prism, vase form.
 { Circle, square, oblong.

Objects. — Tumblers, bowls, boxes, vegetables, leaves, &c.

For Teacher. — Prang's Shorter Course Manual.

Nature of Pupils' Work.

The study is broadened, and takes up objects of a cylindrical and oblong character. The facts of these objects are studied, and the making of similar ones of paper, and the drawing of the facts of their various faces, are continued.

Vegetables and leaves are studied as to their outlines, and then drawn. The decorative work is now broadened to include symmetrical arrangements of conventionalized leaf forms, as well as of plane geometric figures.

Pupils are led to observe and consider the forms of manufactured objects with reference to their fitness to the purpose for which they are intended. All children can be led to see the principles of beauty in the forms of objects arising from good proportions; and also of beauty in ornament when it is subordinate to its purpose. Throughout this course the love of beauty is constantly stimulated by the presentation of beautiful objects, and by the study of natural forms and some choice examples of decorative art.

At the end of this year pupils should be able to draw the proper character of line and with freedom.

ORAL INSTRUCTION.

Animals. — Sponge and coral; starfish and sea-urchin examined; oyster, clam, and snail examined and compared; lobster and crab examined and compared; shells of different forms examined.

Plants. — May and June. Growth of seedlings observed and compared; beans, peas, corn, pine, maple, &c.; specimens of wood to be observed and distinguished.

Observations of Nature. — Lessons of the preceding grades reviewed and continued. Air, wind, moisture in air. Different forms of water: steam, frost, snow, hail, ice.

Useful Metals and Minerals. — Where found and how obtained.

Human Body. — Care of body: food, drinks, pure air, cleanliness, special attention to home and school surroundings, work, study, play, rest, sleep.

Morals and Manners. — The formation of a worthy character is of the highest importance. Show the influence of habit in the formation of character, and hence the importance of cultivating good habits and restraining bad ones. Make the school a training field for the achievement of moral successes.

Geography. — The oral instruction of the other grades, having prepared the way for the direct study of geography, help the child to form a conception of the earth as a great ball, with a surface of land and water, surrounded by air, lighted by the sun, and with two motions; show that one motion produces the seasons, and the other day and night. Lessons on the natural features: first from observation, afterwards by aid of moulding board, pictures, and blackboard illustrations. Preparation for and introduction of maps. Review of the preceding lessons on position, distance, direction, points of compass, with representations on a scale. Study of a map of the vicinity, drawn on the blackboard; study of a map of Middleboro; maps of natural features drawn from moulded forms. General study from globes and maps; the hemispheres, continents, grand divisions, oceans, and large islands; their relative position and size; the grand divisions, position and climate (hot, cold, temperate); form, outline, surroundings; principal mountains, rivers, lakes; the most important countries, productions, people, cities; interesting facts and associations.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

*Fifth Year.**Grade V.*

ARITHMETIC.

First term: Bradbury's Eaton's New Elementary, to page 77.

Second term: Elementary to page 88, also pages 113 to 125.

Third term: Elementary to page 105.

Mental arithmetic should receive special attention throughout the year. Thorough drill in both writing and reading numbers. In all written work, insist upon neat figures and well-arranged work. Digits expressed in columns on the blackboard. Rapid combination of simple numbers. Original concrete problems by pupils. Relation of tenths, hundredths, and thousandths to units and to one another. Writing and reading decimals to and including thousandths, in connection with United States money. Operations involving the use of United States money. Simple concrete illustrations of fractions, together with simple oral problems in common fractions. Use no fractions with denominators larger than twenty. Circles of cardboard afford the most convenient means of teaching fractions. Simple examples in percentage.

LANGUAGE.

Miss Hyde's Second Book, part I. to page 98, also part IV.

Review the work of the preceding grades. Continue letter-writing, narration of events, and simple stories, description of objects and pictures. Let the pupils reproduce selections read by the teacher from interesting subjects. Cultivate good conversation by the relation of anecdotes

and stories. Oral description of various objects of foreign and domestic commerce, as suggested by the geography or observation lessons. The teacher's part in this grade is largely to aid the pupil in understanding the subject matter, and to suggest a natural arrangement. Habits of correct use of language are attained only by practice, and here original work is especially valuable. Since a knowledge of forms is necessary to a correct use of language, aid the ear by teaching such forms and modifications as the circumstances may require. Correct all errors in speaking or in writing. Give special attention to punctuation and capitalization; for this purpose, dictation exercises are valuable.

READING.

Third or fourth reader to be used for drill exercises. Attention given to vocal culture. Easy sight reading daily. Facility and naturalness of expression have been gained by a wide range of easy reading. It is now time to teach emphasis, inflection, pitch, and the principles that are the basis of good reading. Here, as elsewhere, let the subject be taught, and the truth made clear, by skilful questions. Do not give rules until the pupil has arrived at the principle sought, and the rule is but a concise statement of what he already knows. Tolerate no monotonous reading.

From the course in literature, the following are prescribed for this year: *Black Beauty*, *Goodrich's Child's History of the United States*, *Sea Side and Way Side*. The selections to be read should be studied with reference to the meaning of the author. Pupils are expected to have acquired at this stage sufficient understanding and fluency to read good literature.

Spelling. — Harrington's.

Writing. — Harper's.

Too much stress cannot be laid upon written exercises as a means of acquiring the art of correct spelling. However well a pupil may be able to spell orally, if the eye and hand have not been properly trained he will make many mistakes even in familiar words when he attempts to write them. Let there be also brief exercises daily in oral spelling from the various text-books.

HISTORY.

Goodrich's Child's History of the United States.

GEOGRAPHY.

Potter's Elementary, as may be prescribed.

Let the book be only suggestive, and form but a small part of the instruction. Use many collateral books and facts to interest and illustrate. Make free use of moulding-boards, globes, and maps. Topics developed by teachers, and thoroughly learned by pupils. Teach carefully the geography of the places mentioned in the histories and historical readers.

See directions in Oral Instruction.

DRAWING.

The Work of the Fifth Year.

Models and Objects Studied.

<i>Models.</i>	{ Ellipsoid, ovoid, equilateral triangular prism.
	{ Cylinder, ellipse, oval, triangles.
<i>Objects.</i>	{ Rectangular and cylindric objects.
	{ Fruits, leaf and flower forms.

For Teacher. — Prang's Shorter Course Manual.

Nature of Pupils' Work.

Hitherto the development of the observing powers of pupils through a study of the facts of form in models and objects has been a main point in the instruction; and the modelling, the paper folding and cutting, the pattern making, and the drawing have been the means of expressing what has been observed.

In the fifth year the work of the pupils assumes a more definite and practical character. The study of models and objects is still continued, but these are now studied with particular reference to their industrial construction, and also to their pictorial representation; and the *expressing work* of the pupils is limited to pattern making and to drawing.

From this point on the expressing work of the pupils is grouped under three distinct yet correlated subject divisions:

Construction. — The delineation of the facts of objects leading to working drawings, from which objects can be made.

Representation. — The delineation of the appearance of objects when seen as wholes, leading to pictorial representation.

Decoration. — The copying and the designing of ornament for decorative purposes.

The work under these three heads in the fifth year is as follows:—

In Construction. — A pattern is made of triangular prism with its application in the development of surfaces; three geometric views of objects combined are studied, and also geometric views of oblique faces.

In Representation. — The foreshortening of surfaces in cylindric objects when viewed in different positions is particularly studied ; and the grouping of fruits, and the study of plant growth, receive attention in nature study.

In Decoration. — Some examples of Moorish ornament are given ; and the principles of decorative arrangements are illustrated and applied in simple rosettes and borders.

ORAL INSTRUCTION.

The main purpose of the study of geography is to lead the pupils to a useful intelligence concerning the home of man, rather than to the mere act of memorizing geographical details destitute of associations ; to lead them to a thoughtful study of the diversified surface and varied climates of the earth ; of the distribution of vegetable and animal life, and of the conditions of human life as to manners, customs, occupations, governments, and religions. Instead of the traditional practice of treating geography with sole reference to the details of location, the simple and comprehensive outline of surface, climate, productions, and resources, and the commercial and social conditions of the leading countries, should constitute the most important part of the study, after the ordinary technics are understood and learned.

The topical study of the surface of the earth should be begun in this grade. Simple studies of the *important* countries of each grand division ; position of the country in the grand division ; its natural features, climate, productions ; its people ; their occupations, governments, manners, and customs ; its noted localities, cities, &c. Moulding board and map-drawing to be used as aids in the study. Memory maps not required. Our own state

and country to be studied first. Map-drawing by tracing. At the commencement of the study of each country, draw upon the blackboard the outline of a progressive map, and add to it at each recitation under the direction of the class until it is completed. Encourage pupils to bring before the class such pictures, samples of productions, and items of information gathered from other books than the text-book, as will serve to awaken an interest and illustrate the subject.

Lessons on Hygiene continued. Simple lessons on the digestive organs and their uses; food and drink and their uses; regularity and temperance in eating and drinking; effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants, and narcotics. The heart and circulation of the blood; the lungs and respiration.

Plants. — September to November: fruits, seeds, roots, useful woods, observed and compared. Formation and position of leaf-buds observed. May and June: wrappings and unfoldings of buds observed and compared. Growth from buds, branches, bulbs, and slips. A simple study of a few tree blossoms, such as willow, horse-chestnut, apple, &c., and of a few common flowers, such as violet, lilac, buttercup, dandelion, &c.

Animals. — Typical insects and vertebrates, from observations when practicable, and from drawings.

Observations of Nature. — Sun, moon, stars, apparent motions of; their rising and setting. Difference in heat of sun's rays in different hours of the day, &c. Different kinds of rock, soil, &c.

Morals and Manners. — Illustrate moral qualities, character, and principles by biographical and historical sketches. Inculcate self-denial, — in avoiding self-indulgence in eat-

ing and drinking, in coveting or taking what belongs to another, in improper language or remarks about others.

Sixth Year.

Grade VI.

ARITHMETIC.

First term: Bradbury's Eaton's New Elementary to page 139.

Second term: Elementary to page 155.

Third term: Elementary completed and reviewed to page 163.

Mental arithmetic should receive special attention throughout the year. Digits expressed in columns on the blackboard. Rapid combinations of simple numbers. Original concrete problems by pupils. Review common fractions. Treat decimal fractions fully. Varied and original work in bills. Give practical work in measurements. Omit difficult, puzzling problems. Insist on neat figures and well-arranged work. Thorough review of the whole book. Use the supplementary books freely, remembering that many easy examples are more valuable than a less number of more difficult problems.

READING.

An approved fourth reader for drill exercises. Easy sight reading daily.

The following are prescribed for the year from the course in literature: Robinson Crusoe, True Stories from New England History, Sea Side and Way Side.

Pupils should be trained to think of what they read. Whether the reading be silent or oral, it is always well to follow the exercise by questions leading them to reproduce

the thought in their own words. Require long, full answers, and always in their own language. We know of no better plan than this for inducing pupils to consult the reference books of the school for facts connected with any name or place mentioned in the text, or for the derivation, pronunciation, and definition of words. Power of attention, and ability to grasp quickly the thought, are cultivated by allowing pupils to read carefully once a piece never before seen, or listen while it is read, and then talk or write about the subject. This is an excellent exercise with silent reading, and, since most of our reading is of this nature, is of great practical value. A most important object in reading is not only to stimulate, but to elevate thought and imagination; and for this purpose the classics of our language should find a place in every class above the primaries. With proper instruction, pupils may read these understandingly, and with ever-increasing delight.

SPELLING, WRITING.

See directions of Grade V.

HISTORY.

Eggleston's First Book in American History.

LANGUAGE.

Miss Hyde's Second Book finished.

See directions of preceding grades.

Oral and written exercises in the use of language as an expression of thought. Special attention to be given to correct forms of speech. Practice in the use of synonyms, paragraphing, and business forms. Pupils taught the use of the dictionary and diacritical marks.

Study of simple sentences continued. Parts of speech distinguished and used in constructing sentences. Extend the work of the preceding grades, and prepare the class for the study of technical grammar the next year.

GEOGRAPHY.

Potter's Advanced, as may be prescribed.

Topical method. Physical geography should always be taught before political. Cause and effect are of first importance, and as much of their relations should be taught as the pupils are able to comprehend. While the geographies and other books of information can be read with great interest and profit, remember that no mere reading can take the place of teaching. Map drawing is a means to an end. By this means location, direction, and relative distance can best be impressed upon the mind.

See directions of preceding grades.

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

First term: Bones, muscles, skin.

Second term: Digestion and food.

Third term: Circulation.

The oral instruction of the preceding years has prepared the pupil for the thorough systematic study of physiology and hygiene, which should now be taken up. Teach by topic, and let this subject receive the larger part of the time given to oral instruction. Encourage the pupils to supplement the information given by a free use of the reference books and library. For this purpose it is well for the teacher to refer to particular books, and sometimes to the exact page upon which the desired facts may be found. In all this work let the temperance phase of the subject receive the attention its importance demands.

DRAWING.

The Work of the Sixth Year.

Models and Objects Studied.

Models. Cube, cylinder, cone, square prism.

Objects. { Cubical, cylindrical, and conical objects and
vases.
Plant forms.
Historic ornament.

For Teacher. Prang's Shorter Course Manual.

Nature of Pupils' Work.

All the work is now classified under its proper subject divisions, and the work in each subject becomes more and more distinct in its character.

In Construction. — Rectangular, cylindric, and conic models, vases, &c., singly and combined, are studied as to all the facts of their forms; and these facts are represented by drawing the different views. Patterns are made for cones, and patterns are also designed for conic objects, thus beginning constructive design.

In Representation. — The same models and objects, singly and combined, are studied as to their appearance as *wholes*, that is, perspectively; and the convergence of lines retreating from the eye is studied particularly. Nature study is also continued, with an increase of attention to plant growth.

In Decoration. — Some historic Gothic forms are studied, and the work in conventionalization and in making original decorative arrangements is further developed for rosettes and surface covering.

ORAL INSTRUCTION.

Occasional lessons may be given upon plants, animals,

and natural phenomena, continuing the work of the previous years on these subjects. Always review briefly the previous lesson on the subject, that the pupil may see the connection and the relation of the part to the whole.

Manners and Morals. — See direction of Grade V.

Seventh Year.

Grade VII.

ARITHMETIC.

First term : Bradbury's Eaton's Practical to page 83.

Second term : Bradbury's Eaton's Practical to page 109.

Third term : Bradbury's Eaton's Practical to page 160.

Omit the Metric system. Daily mental work. Digits expressed in columns on blackboard. Rapid combinations. Original concrete problems by pupils. Avoid fractions with large denominators.

READING.

An approved fourth reader for drill exercises. Easy sight reading daily.

The following are prescribed for the course in literature : First Steps in English Classics, Swiss Family Robinson, Franklin's Autobiography, Readings in Nature's Book.

The directions of the preceding grade apply also to this. The pupils have become accustomed to the questioning by the teacher. The interest in the exercise will be greatly quickened, and its value enhanced, if the pupils are allowed and encouraged to question each other. The preparation of the lesson by the pupil will be of a superior character, while the questions will show ingenuity and real appreciation of the author.

SPELLING, WRITING.

See directions of Grade V.

LANGUAGE.

Miss Hyde's Supplement to page 265, — Auxiliary verbs ; also Southworth and Goddard's to page 77.

See directions of the preceding grades.

The work the previous years to be expanded and followed out. The pupils' knowledge of language has been acquired by use and constant practice. Now he is to study language, but still oral and written exercises will be found exceedingly useful in explaining and illustrating technical grammar. The schedule indicates only a minimum amount, which should be supplemented by references to other books, as circumstances may require.

GEOGRAPHY.

Potter's Advanced, as may be prescribed.

Topical method. Commercial geography should receive attention. The great routes of commerce by sea and land should be well known, as also the staples of commerce.

See directions of preceding grades.

HISTORY.

Higginson's Young Folks' History of the United States.

Two lessons a week. Topical method. Only a few of the most important dates. Information to be gained from various histories, encyclopædias, biographies, the reference books of the school and the public library, and every available source. Conduct the recitation in a way to encourage a spirit of investigation, and make the faithful use of the reference books a necessity.

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

First term : Respiration and voice.

Second term : Nervous system.

Third term : Special senses.

See directions of Grade VI.

Accompany the instruction with many practical suggestions of every-day life. For example, statistics show that near-sightedness increases, grade by grade. Much can be done by teachers to prevent this, by strict attention to the position of the book in study and in recitation, and to its distance from the eye ; as well as by calling attention repeatedly to the disastrous consequences of reading in the twilight or by a poor light.

DRAWING.

The Work of the Seventh Year.*Models and Objects Studied.*

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| <i>Models.</i> | { | Cube, square, pyramid, square plinth, various prisms. |
| <i>Objects.</i> | { | Writing desk, books, boxes, & Plant forms, historic ornament. |

For Teacher. Prang's Shorter Course Manual.

Nature of Pupils' Work.

It will be observed that the work in each subject now points directly towards practical uses in various directions.

In Construction. — Rectangular, pyramidal, and hexagonal models and objects are studied as to all their facts of form, and these facts are given by figured drawings representing the various views necessary to bring out these facts ; patterns are also made for hexagonal, pyramidal, and rectangular objects.

In Representation. — The same models and objects are studied as to their perspective appearance when turned at an angle; and the foreshortening of rectangular surfaces and the convergence of lines retreating from the eye are studied particularly. The study of the grouping of objects is begun. Nature study in this year is given more largely to flower forms.

In Decoration. — Some fine examples of Gothic ornament are studied, as well as some of the elementary principles in general decorative composition. The making of original arrangements in decorative designs for panels and borders is further developed.

Eighth Year.

Grade VIII.

ARITHMETIC.

First term: Bradbury's Eaton's to page 180.

Second term: Bradbury's Eaton's to page 191.

Third term: Bradbury's Eaton's to page 204, with thorough review. Daily mental work.

Omit difficult puzzling examples, as well as complicated business problems. From banks and business offices, notes, bills, insurance policies, and business papers can be easily obtained. These can be used in the class in such a way as to give reality to the work, and greatly increase the interest.

Teach every part of percentage with great care. In no part of arithmetic is there greater need of skill and thorough work than here.

READING.

Elocutionary drill from any suitable classic. Easy sight-reading daily.

From the course in literature are prescribed: Whittier's

Snow Bound ; Church, Stories of the Old World ; Washington Irving, Rip Van Winkle ; Tales from Shakespeare.

See directions of preceding grades.

After the pupils have learned to think as they read, they will become interested in reading thoughtful books. As their tastes are elevated and cultivated, the companionship of good books is sought more and more, while the sentimental and sensational lose their power. The faithful teacher will supplement the course by reference to the library books which are best suited to their needs. The great object of reading in this part of the course is to foster and establish a love for good reading, so that when the school-days are over the best is instinctively sought, and the mind is strengthened by association with the wise of all ages.

SPELLING, WRITING.

See directions of Grade V.

LANGUAGE.

Finish the Supplement of Miss Hyde ; also Southworth and Goddard to page 156. See Grade VII.

HISTORY.

THROUGH THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

Topical method. See direction of Grade VII. Treat as fully as circumstances will allow the underlying causes of the important events, and the motives that influenced the chief actors. Teach carefully the development of the country under the arts of peace ; its material prosperity, with the varied causes ; the most noted mechanical inventions and scientific improvements ; the progress of manufactures and commerce ; its internal improvements ; its

moral and educational advantages ; its elements of strength and of weakness ; the duties of American citizens.

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

General review once a week by topics.

Emphasize the temperance phase of the subject. See directions of preceding grades.

GEOGRAPHY.

Potter's Advanced completed.

See directions of preceding grades.

DRAWING.

The Work of the Eighth Year.

Models and Objects Studied.

Models. { Rectangular, cylindric, triangular, and framing
models, hollow cylinders, steps, pulleys.

Objects. { Various rectangular and cylindric objects ; plant
forms ; historic ornament.

For Teacher. Prang's Manuals for Books 8 and 9.

Nature of Pupils' Work.

The work of this year, while in the main progressive, at the same time reviews some of the work of previous years, in order to definitely fix the main points of what has been studied in the minds of the pupils.

In Construction. — The various models and objects are studied as to their facts, *some of them in section*. Instruments are introduced, and the solution of simple problems in plane geometry is required. Practicable working drawings, made to scale, are also required. Pattern-making is also continued, the patterns being made from scale draw-

ings made with instruments. *The work in this subject prepares for applications in practical industry.*

In Representation.—The principles of perspective, as seen in a variety of objects, are studied, as well as the rules which govern the pictorial grouping of objects. At the same time much attention is given to *effect* in drawing by the character of line. Nature study in this year is directed principally to observing *methods of growth* in plant forms. The work in this subject prepares for practical work in pictorial delineation of objects.

In Decoration.—Some fine examples of Gothic ornament are studied. Proportion and rhythm are particularly explained, and the conventionalization and arrangement of plant forms for decorative purposes are still further developed. The work in this subject prepares for practical work in decorative design.

ORAL INSTRUCTION.

See the work of the preceding grades.

Ninth Year.

Grade IX.

ARITHMETIC.

First term: Bradbury's Eaton's Practical to page 241.

Second term: Bradbury's Eaton's Practical to page 281.

Third term: Bradbury's Eaton's Practical completed, with thorough review of the whole book.

See directions of Grade VIII.

Theory and practice of single-entry bookkeeping.

READING.

Elocutionary drill from any suitable classic.

From the course in literature are prescribed England for

Young Folks ; Scott, The Lady of the Lake ; Longfellow, Evangeline ; Emerson, Behavior or Books.

See directions of Grade VIII.

SPELLING, WRITING.

See directions of preceding grades.

LANGUAGE.

Southworth and Goddard finished.

Thorough drill in analysis and parsing.

See directions of preceding grades.

HISTORY.

Finish and thoroughly review the whole subject.

See directions of preceding grades.

GEOGRAPHY.

Potter's Advanced and Warren's Common School.

General review once a week by topics.

Emphasize the intimate relation between history and geography.

See directions of Grade VII.

DRAWING.

Complete and thoroughly review the work of the previous grades.

CIVICS.

How we are governed, — four times a week.

ORAL INSTRUCTION.

The oral instruction of the past grades, the observations of nature, of plants and animals, of minerals and metals,

of physiology and hygiene, have prepared the way for common facts of elementary science learned from observation and experiment. As time will allow, the following topics may be taught : —

Matter : its properties ; its three states.

Motion and force : laws of motion.

Gravitation : equilibrium.

Simple mechanical powers.

Liquid pressure : specific gravity.

Atmospheric pressure : barometer, pumps, siphon.

Electricity, frictional and current : conductors, magnetism, compass, magnetic telegraph, electric lights.

Sound : pitch of sounds, echoes, acoustic tubes, telephone.

Heat : diffusion, effects, thermometers.

Light : reflection, refraction, lenses, color.

SYLLABUS OF THE COURSE IN ENGLISH LITERATURE AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING.

Grade V. — Child's United States History, Black Beauty, Sea Side and Way Side.

Grade VI. — Robinson Crusoe, True Stories from New England History, Sea Side and Way Side.

Grade VII. — Franklin's Autobiography, Readings in Nature's Book, First Steps in English Classics, Swiss Family Robinson.

Grade VIII. — Whittier's Snow Bound ; Church, Stories of the Old World ; Tales from Shakespeare ; Washington Irving, Rip Van Winkle.

Grade IX. — Scott, The Lady of the Lake ; Longfellow, Evangeline ; England for Young Folks ; Emerson, Behavior or Books.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

First Year :

First Term. — Algebra ; Physical Geography ; English Grammar or Latin.

Second Term. — Algebra ; Natural History or Latin ; General History.

Third Term. — Algebra ; Physiology or Latin ; General History.

Drawing twice a week for the first two years.

Second Year :

First Term. — Geometry ; Physics or Greek ; Rhetoric or Latin.

Second Term. — Geometry ; Physics or Greek ; English History or Latin.

Third Term. — Geometry ; Botany or Greek ; English History or Latin.

The Greek division may take Physics as an additional study, and the Latin, Rhetoric.

Third Year :

First Term. — Chemistry or Latin ; English Literature ; French or Greek.

Second Term. — Chemistry or Latin ; English Literature ; French or Greek.

Third Term. — Mineralogy or Latin ; English Literature ; French or Greek.

The Greek division are advised to take French as an extra.

Greek and Roman History in connection with the classics.

Fourth Year :

First Term. — Astronomy or Latin ; English Review ; Civics or Greek.

Second Term. — Geology or Latin ; English Review ; Civics or Greek.

Third Term. — Trigonometry and Surveying or Latin ; English Review ; Bookkeeping or Greek.

French is an *optional* through the year.

Compositions, Declamations, and Music through the course.

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT
FOR THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TO BE HELD IN THE
TOWN HALL, MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1893,
AT 9 O'CLOCK A.M.

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers; the following officers to be voted for on one ballot; viz., one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, thirteen Constables, three Fish Wardens, one Auditor, three Fence Viewers, all for one year each; one Selectman and one Assessor for two years (to fill vacancy); one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, two members of the School Committee, and three Trustees of the Public Library, all for three years each. The polls for the election of these officers will be open at half-past eleven o'clock A.M., and will not be closed before half-past three o'clock P.M.

ART. 3. To vote by ballot, "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 4. To raise such sums of money, by tax or otherwise, as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year, appropriate the same, and to act

anything in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes for the year.

ART. 5. To see what action the town will take in relation to hiring money in anticipation of taxes the present year, or for any other purpose.

ART. 6. To hear the reports of any of the officers or committees of the town, and act thereon.

ART. 7. To allow accounts against the town, or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote that the yards of persons chosen Field Drivers shall be town pounds so long as they remain in office, provided they shall be chosen pound-keepers.

ART. 9. To dispose of the money received for "dog licenses," and all other licenses the present year, and act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the town will pay the expense of a Night Watch in the Four Corners village, and act thereon.

ART. 11. To see if the town will appropriate any money to be expended by Post 8, G.A.R., on Memorial Day, and act thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the town will pay their School Committee for their services the ensuing year, and act thereon.

ART. 13. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as reported by the Selectmen, and act thereon.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to further extend its system of sewers, and act thereon.

ART. 15. To take action in relation to the taking of fish in the ponds leased by the Fish Commissioners to the towns of Middleboro, Lakeville, Rochester, and Freetown.

ART. 16. To see if the town will build a schoolhouse on

the west side of the Old Colony Railroad, appropriate funds for the same, and act thereon (by request).

ART. 17. To see if the town will petition the General Court for a special act to permit this town to establish an electric light plant (by request).

ART. 18. To see if the town will cause a special fire-alarm box to be placed on the town-hall building, and act thereon.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to allow the Middleboro Fire Department the use of the town hall and necessary rooms for their annual ball free of charge, commencing with the year 1893, and act anything thereon (by request).

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to change the name of that portion of North street north of the crossing of the P. & M. Railroad to Everett street, and act thereon.

ART. 21. To hear the report from the Selectmen in regard to numbering the streets in the village, and act thereon.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to change its system of lighting the streets at the Four Corners village, and act anything in relation to lighting streets.

ART. 23. To see what action the town will take in relation to painting the outside of the town-hall building.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.,
FOR THE
YEAR 1893.



MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.:
MIDDLEBORO GAZETTE OFFICE.
1894.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1893.

Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector.

CHARLES T. THATCHER.

Selectmen and Assessors.

JARED F. ALDEN	Term expires 1894
EDWIN F. WITHAM	" " 1895
ALBERT T. SAVERY	" " 1896

Overseers of the Poor.

SYLVANUS MENDELL	Term expires 1894
ANDREW C. WOOD	" " 1895
CHARLES T. THATCHER	" " 1896

School Committee.

ARTHUR B. ALDEN	Term expires 1894
GEORGE E. WOOD	" " 1894
JOHN C. SULLIVAN	" " 1895
AUGUSTUS H. SOULE	" " 1895
AUGUSTUS PRATT	" " 1896
ADELINE V. WOOD	" " 1896

Superintendent of Schools.

ASHER T. JACOBY.

Constables.

LEANDER M. ALDEN.	SYLVANUS W. BUMP.
JOHN W. FLANSBURG.	EVERETT T. LINCOLN.
SYLVANUS MENDELL.	GEORGE W. HAMMOND.
BENJAMIN W. BUMP.	HERBERT T. LEONARD.
SAMUEL S. LOVELL.	FRED. C. SPARROW.
NATHAN B. MAXIM.	CHARLES C. TINKHAM.

Superintendent of Streets.

SAMUEL S. SHIVERICK.

Registrars of Voters.

THOMAS C. COLLINS	Term expires 1894
CHARLES H. CARPENTER	" " 1895
WARREN B. STETSON	" " 1896
CHARLES T. THATCHER, TOWN CLERK, <i>Ex-officio</i> .	

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

For the Year ending Dec. 31, 1893.

Voted by the town for the support of schools,
including school books, incidentals, and

Superintendent's salary	\$17,000 00
School committee's salaries	150 00
Support of poor	4,800 00
Support of insane	1,000 00
Military aid	400 00
Soldiers' relief	200 00
Town officers	2,500 00
Incidental expenses	1,000 00
G. A. R. for Memorial day	150 00
Lighting streets	3,500 00
Town House Committee, expense account	467 00
Town House Committee, deficiency 1892	1,333 00
Town House Committee, painting town house	600 00
Water supply to fire district	1,500 00
Town debt, note due	5,000 00
Interest	3,200 00
Board of health	200 00
Highway department	1,400 00
Concrete sidewalks	500 00

Night watch and police	900 00
Deficiency on new roads, 1892	2,000 00

\$60,500 00

Less corporation and bank taxes estimated	7,300 00
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Voted to be assessed by the town	\$53,200 00
State tax assessed by the town	4,350 00
County tax assessed by the town	5,387 00
Non-resident bank tax assessed	103 85
Overlaying	916 29

Total taxes assessed	\$63,957 14
Poll taxes assessed	\$3,826 00
Taxes on personal property	9,820 99
Taxes on real estate	50,206 30
Non-resident bank tax	103 85
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Number of polls assessed, 1,913; added after
registration, 22; total number of polls 1,935.

Valuation of buildings, excluding land	\$1,834,595
Valuation of land, excluding buildings	1,404,345

Total valuation of real estate	\$3,238,940
Valuation of personal estate	633,508

Total valuation, 1893,	\$3,872,448
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Rate of tax per \$1,000	\$15 50
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Persons, firms, &c., assessed on property, residents	1,386
Persons, firms, &c., assessed on property, non-residents	291
Persons assessed for poll tax only	897
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Total number of persons, &c., assessed	2,574
Number of horses assessed	989
Number of cows assessed	730
Number of neat cattle other than cows assessed	163
Number of sheep assessed	24
Number of swine assessed	103
Number of dwelling houses assessed	1,384
Number of acres of land assessed	40,145
Number of fowl assessed	9,155
Population of the town 1890	6,065
Amount of taxes remitted for 1886	\$9 63
Amount of taxes remitted for 1887	61 05
Amount of taxes remitted for 1888	62 60
Amount of taxes remitted for 1889	147 77
Amount of taxes remitted for 1890	87 38
Amount of taxes remitted for 1891	54 13
Amount of taxes remitted for 1892	97 72

Amount of taxes remitted for 1893 . 94 50

Total taxes remitted and refunded . \$614 78

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT T. SAVERY,

JARED F. ALDEN,

EDWIN F. WITHAM,

Assessors.

Middleborough, January, 1894.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

For the Year ending Dec. 31, 1893.

The Selectmen have drawn orders upon the Town Treasurer for the amounts hereinafter given, under the several appropriations made by the town. These amounts will not in all cases balance with the amounts paid by the Treasurer, as some of his payments made in 1893 were for orders drawn in 1892, and other orders drawn in 1893 had not been paid when the books were closed for the year.

TOWN OFFICERS AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Appropriation for town officers and committee	\$2,500 00
Appropriation for School Committee services	150 00
Appropriation for Incidental expenses	1,000 00
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	\$3,650 00
 A. T. Savery, selectman and assessor 1893	 \$171 75
A. T. Savery, use of team	13 50
A. T. Savery, travelling expenses	30 75

J. F. Alden, selectman and assessor 1893	361 87
J. F. Alden, use of team	73 50
J. F. Alden, office supplies and sundry expenses	14 59
E. F. Witham, selectman and assessor 1893	163 75
E. F. Witham, use of team	32 00
E. F. Witham, travelling expenses	3 10
J. E. Beals, selectman and assessor 1893	35 00
J. E. Beals, sundry expenses	3 65
A. C. Wood, overseer of poor	159 00
C. T. Thatcher, overseer of poor	30 25
S. Mendell, overseer of poor	64 50
C. T. Thatcher, treasurer and collector	550 00
C. T. Thatcher, registrar of voters and expenses	35 25
C. H. Carpenter, registrar of voters	9 50
T. C. Collins, registrar of voters	26 25
N. King, registrar of voters	7 50
C. T. Thatcher, recording births, marriages and deaths, 1892	88 60
J. E. Beals, moderator	15 00
Election officers and expenses March, 1893	36 00
Election officers and expenses, precinct 1, November, 1893	18 00
Election officers and expenses, precinct 2, November, 1893	75 30
A. H. Soule, school committee ,	25 00
J. C. Sullivan, school committee	25 00
Augustus Pratt, school committee	25 00

A. B. Alden, school committee . . .	25 00
Mrs. A. V. Wood, school committee . . .	25 00
G. E. Wood, school committee . . .	25 00
George Soule, returning deaths 1892 . . .	25 00
J. M. Coombs, printing and advertising . . .	173 11
M. M. Copeland, printing and advertising . . .	114 63
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing . . .	121 95
C. T. Thatcher, recording town meetings, road decrees, &c.	25 00
C. T. Thatcher, administering oaths . . .	8 00
E. D. Robinson, assessors' plans . . .	99 25
F. W. R. Emery, tax books . . .	13 38
Alice M. Alden, copying for assessors . . .	76 60
Harriet B. Sylvester, copying for assessors . . .	2 60
C. W. Drake, stationery	2 27
J. A. Burgess, inspector milch cows and provisions	205 00
A. C. Gatchell, printing town reports . . .	176 53
Walter F. Bryant, forest fire bills . . .	5 80
B. C. Shaw, forest fire bills	7 70
W. L. Faxon, damage to horse from accident . . .	40 00
Z. F. Buck, damage to horse from accident . . .	45 00
B. Folger, damage to horse from accident . . .	45 00
J. C. Sullivan, legal services	5 00
E. Robinson, balance due for legal services from 1874	297 54
T. C. Collins, insurance town house . . .	150 00
J. F. Alden, insurance town house . . .	150 00

\$3,957 97

WATER SUPPLY.

Appropriated	\$1,500 00
Orders drawn :	
Middleborough Water Works	\$1,500 00

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Balance from 1891 and 1892	\$844 38
Appropriated 1893	500 00
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	\$1,344 38

Orders drawn :

Shiverick & Thomas, for concret- ing 1892	\$1,535 57	
Shiverick & Thomas, for concret- ing 1893	657 40	\$2,192 97
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Charged to abutters for work 1892	\$767 78	
Charged to abutters for work 1893	328 70	1,096 48
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		\$1,096 49

NIGHT WATCH AND POLICE.

Appropriated	\$900 00
Orders drawn :	
Herbert L. Leonard, night watch	\$719 00
Herbert L. Leonard, keeper of lock-up	12 00
Herbert L. Leonard, feeding pris- oners	47 00
Herbert L. Leonard, special police service	2 00

S. S. Lovell, notifying town officers, &c.	11 80	
S. Mendell, constable	11 00	
Everett T. Lincoln, police service	5 00	
J. A. Burgess, on dog warrant 1893	15 00	\$822 80

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

Appropriated for deficiency 1892	\$1,333 00
Appropriated for expense account	467 00
Appropriated for painting town hall	600 00
Received for rent of hall	768 00
Received for rent of rooms	399 00
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	\$3,567 00

Orders drawn and bills paid by agent:

A. M. Wood and B. F. Johnson	\$468 00
Sundry bills for repairs, supplies and cleaning	111 65
Wheeler Reflector Co., wiring hall and stage	580 70
H. A. Sparrow, painting town house	449 67
A. W. Straus & Co., paint and oil	104 20
P. Washburn, coal	248 59
Middleboro' Gas & Electric Co., gas bills	332 15
Middleboro' Gas & Electric Co., electric bills	297 71
B. F. Johnson, care of lawn	25 00
T. W. Pierce, supplies and labor	132 07

J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber	3 15	
H. G. Porter, work on town house	3 00	
W. R. Whitcomb, freight and carting	1 95	
Lloyd Perkins, repairing mower	1 00	\$2,758 84

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriated		\$200 00
Orders drawn :		
J. A. Burgess, agent . . .	\$164 75	
A. G. Walker, doctoring horses of A. R. Dunham . . .	10 00	
Harriet S. Rice	4 00	\$178 75

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriated		\$200 00
Orders drawn :		
Mary Agnes Thayer	\$110 00	
Francis H. Tobey	54 00	
William A. Underwood . . .	60 00	
Town of Sandwich, on account H. H. P. Lovell	153 67	
Dr. W. F. Fryer, medical attend- ance for Charles Pittsley .	11 50	
Elisha Thomas, wood furnished Charles Pittsley	5 00	
Eliza Alden, board and nursing Charles Atwood	42 00	
Dr. J. H. Sherman, medical at-		

tendance for Charles Atwood	10 00	
Dr. A. B. Paun, medical attend-		
ance for Charles Atwood . . .	12 00	\$458 17
Collected from other towns . . .		64 00

HERRING ACCOUNT.

Received from sale of herring . . .	\$345 00
Received from towns on Taunton River	
for inspection at East Taunton . . .	130 00
Received from Fish Commissioners for put-	
ting fish over the dam	45 70
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	\$520 70

Orders drawn :

Allen B. Thomas, services at East	
Taunton	\$130 00
E. T. Lincoln, at Shovel works dam	5 00
Estate of H. H. Sproat, rental of	
fish house, 3 years	12 00
Randall Hathaway, fish warden .	14 00
A. T. Savery, services and expenses	6 44
J. F. Alden, services and expenses	14 10
E. F. Witham, services and expenses	5 00
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	\$186 54
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To divide with Lakeville	\$334 16
Paid Lakeville its share for 1892	\$38 04

SEWERS.

Appropriated	\$2,000 00
Unexpended 1892	407 19
Charges for permits to enter sewers 1893	750 00
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	\$3,157 19

The Selectmen have built sewers as voted by the town, on South Main street and on Everett street. They have also found it necessary to lay 306 feet of 8-inch pipe on School street, several complaints having been made to the board of health.

Orders drawn:

M. O. Rounseville, laying pipe	\$3,252 75	
J. & G. E. Doane, pipe furnished	475 32	
L. A. Taylor, engineering	247 10	
E. D. Robinson, engineering School street	12 00	
Le Baron Foundry Co., sewer covers	65 51	
D. W. Lewis, castings for catch basins	40 00	
Coleman Sewer Trap Co., traps	20 00	
M. O. Rounseville, repairs on sewers, &c.,	129 07	
M. O. Rounseville, use of lot for Water street sewer	25 00	\$4,266 75
Overdrawn the appropriation		\$1,109 56

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$14,000 00
Snow bills approved by the Superintendent of Streets	\$672 47
General highway bills	11,987 45
(for details see his report)	\$12,659 92
Orders drawn but not included in Superintendent's report:	
H. L. House, engineer, Plymouth and Precinct streets	\$55 00
H. L. House, engineer, Montello street	46 65
E. D. Robinson, engineer, Benton street	5 00
County Treasurer for land damages	
North Main street	1,250 00
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	1,356 65
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	\$14,016 57

FIRE ALARM.

Appropriated	\$100 00
Orders drawn:	
New England Gamewell Co., fire alarm	\$84 85
E. P. LeBaron, expense and labor on fire alarm	14 50
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	\$99 35

ESTIMATES FOR A TAX 1894.

For support of schools including school books, incidentals, and Superintendent's salary	\$17,000 00
School Committee's salaries	150 00
Support of poor	4,800 00
Support of insane	1,500 00
Military aid	400 00
For soldiers' relief	400 00
Town officers	2,500 00
Incidental expenses	1,500 00
G. A. R. for Memorial day	150 00
Town house committee	500 00
Water supply to fire district	1,500 00
Town debt, note due	5,000 00
Lighting bond due	\$1,000 00
Interest on lighting bonds	3,000 00
Expenses of lighting plant (esti- mated)	6,000 00
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	\$10,000 00
Estimated income from lighting plant	6,500 00
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	3,500 00
Interest	3,200 00
Board of health	200 00
Highway department	14,000 00
Concrete sidewalks	500 00
Night watch and police	900 00

Deficiency on sewer account	1,100 00
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	\$58,800 00
Less corporation and bank taxes (estimated)	7,900 00
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To be raised by tax	\$50,900 00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

The following notes to the Middleborough Savings Bank :

June 1, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent, payable in 7 yrs.	\$5,000 00
July 2, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ " " 8 yrs.	5,000 00
Dec. 1, 1887, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ " " 9 yrs.	5,000 00
June 16, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ " " 10 yrs.	5,200 00
July 25, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ " " 11 yrs.	5,200 00
Dec. 18, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ " " 12 yrs.	5,055 00
Dec. 26, 1891, at 4 " " Nov. 1, 1897,	5,000 00
Sewer loan. at 4 " " " 1, 1901,	5,000 00
" " at 4 " " " 1, 1907,	5,000 00
" " at 4 " " " 1, 1908,	5,000 00
" " at 4 " " " 1, 1909,	5,000 00
" " at 4 " " " 1, 1910,	5,000 00
" " at 4 " " " 1, 1911,	5,000 00

Notes payable in Boston :

Railroad Loan, 4 per cent, payable Nov. 1, 1918,	5,000 00
" " 4 " " 1, 1919,	5,000 00
" " 4 " " 1, 1920,	5,000 00
" " 4 " " 1, 1921,	5,000 00

Municipal Light loan bonds due from Nov. 1st, 1894, to Nov. 1st, 1923	70,000 00
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	\$155,455 00
Due town officers and other liabilities (esti- mated)	7,545 00
Estimated loss on taxes	500 00
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	\$163,500 00

(Sewer loan authorized but not issued)	\$2,000 00
(School house loan authorized but not issued)	8,000 00
Lighting bonds unissued	5,000 00
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	\$15,000 00

ASSETS.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1894	\$11,432 03
Due on taxes	20,258 57
Due from State, military aid	385 00
Due from State, State aid	3,171 00
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Total assets	35,246 60
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Balance of liabilities	\$128,253 40

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT T. SAVERY,
JARED F. ALDEN,
EDWIN F. WITHAM,

. *Selectmen of Middleborough.*

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Jan. 1, 1894.

LIST OF JURORS.

The Selectmen propose the following persons to serve as jurors the ensuing year; viz.,—

Jared F. Alden,	William H. Dorigan,
Emery F. Atwood,	George A. Earle,
F. Austin G. Atwood,	Henry K. Ellis,
Harrison W. Atwood,	Lucius M. Fuller,
Harvey N. Atwood,	George T. M. Gammons,
William F. Atwood,	Foster A. Harlow,
Joseph E. Beals,	Israel T. Hathaway,
Frederic T. Belcher,	Benjamin E. Holmes,
Grover Bennett,	James L. Jenney,
John S. Benson,	B. Frank Jones,
Howard M. Bishop,	Thomas J. LeBaron,
Joshua K. Bishop,	Abiatha W. Leonard,
George F. Bryant,	Ezra S. Leonard,
Charles E. Bump,	William McAllister,
Marshall P. Burgess,	Adam P. McKeen,
Benjamin F. Caswell,	Andrew W. Miller,
Frederic P. Chase,	Luther B. Murdock,
Abisha T. Clark, Jr.,	J. Frank Peirce,
Amos D. Clark,	Isaac E. Perkins,
George S. Clark,	Edmund E. Phillips,
Charles F. Cornish,	Ebenezer Pickens,
George A. Cox,	David G. Pratt,
Nathaniel S. Cushing,	Luther B. Pratt,
James S. Cuzner,	Nathan W. Pratt,
Albert Deane,	John C. Robinson,
Orien E. Deane,	Edmund S. Russell,

John H. Ryder,
 James M. Sampson,
 Albert T. Savery,
 Truman C. Savery,
 Benjamin C. Shaw,
 George H. Shaw, 2d.,
 Joseph A. Shaw,
 Walter A. Shaw,
 Albert W. Smith,
 John E. Smith,
 Walter M. Snow,
 Augustus H. Soule,
 George L. Soule,
 Warren H. Southworth,
 George E. Standish,
 Myron R. Sturges,
 Dennis D. Sullivan,

David S. Surrey,
 Ichabod B. Thomas,
 John B. Thomas,
 Josiah H. Thomas,
 Lazelle E. Thomas,
 Henry A. Thompson,
 Charles S. Tinkham,
 George F. Tinkham,
 Alvin P. Vaughan,
 Asaph F. Washburn,
 Seneca T. Weston,
 William L. White,
 Edward F. Witham,
 Albert J. Wood,
 Edward C. Wood,
 Edward F. Wood.

ALBERT T. SAVERY,
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Selectmen of Middleborough.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Jan. 31, 1894.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To the Board of Selectmen:

The following bills are highway and snow bills allowed by, and rendered to me, by the late Superintendent W. B. Wood, from January 1, to April 1, 1893:—

Paid S. S. Lovell,	highways	\$66 84	snow bills	\$241 90
L. B. Pratt	“	8 75	“	129 10
B. P. W. Lovell	“	—	“	95 15
Wm. F. Atwood	“	—	“	13 45
J. E. Smith	“	—	“	19 00
J. R. Bishop	“	6 00	“	—
J. H. Thomas	“	3 50	“	31 32
H. A. Thompson	“	4 50	“	10 80
B. E. Holmes	“	4 50	“	31 73
L. T. Miller	“	—	“	28 30
B. C. Shaw	“	—	“	14 47
A. F. Reed	“	22 31	“	—
G. R. Sampson	“	5 40	“	8 10
S. W. Bump	“	3 00	“	23 00

Paid H. C. Tinkham, highways	—	snow bills	22 65
N. F. Shurtleff	“	“	3 50
E. M. Barden, care of watering trough for year 1893	5 00		
J. K. & B. Sears & Co.,			
lumber	68 62		
T. G. Ford, for snow plow	15 25		
C. A. Wood, for street boards	5 00		
Simeon Harlow, for labor	3 50		
W. B. Wood, balance of salary due April 1st, 1893	129 16		

Highway bills	\$353 08	Snow bills	\$672 47
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The following bills of the section men have been examined and approved and orders issued for their services, help and teams employed by them since April 1st:—

Paid L. E. Thomas	\$352 60
William Downing	4,334 47
Isaac Macomber	465 22
A. F. Reed	454 72
S. W. Bump	307 51
G. R. Sampson	189 65
H. A. Thompson	306 25
W. F. Atwood	377 30
L. B. Pratt	429 32
B. C. Shaw	113 83
N. S. Cushing	157 07

Paid J. E. Smith	247 92
“ J. R. Bishop	301 15
“ H. C. Tinkham	292 84
“ B. P. W. Lovell	178 34
“ A. Miller	267 25
“ J. H. Thomas	400 17
“ J. W. Flansburgh, for building a part of Highland street as ordered by County Commissioners	209 98
Paid F. A. Churbuck, for engineering ser- vices on North Main street, locating grade lines, &c.	20 00
Paid J. B. LeBaron, for cedar posts for signs	1 00
Paid J. K. & B. Sears & Co., for lumber for Soule's, Wood's, Woodward's and War- rentown bridges	66 10
Paid Lloyd Perkins, repairing road scrapers and iron railings on North Main street	42 82
Paid Edward Stanton, running crusher	26 36
“ M. O. Rounseville, rebuilding retaining walls, drilling, blasting, setting curbing, gratings, connecting catch basins, paving gutters, &c., on North Main street and elsewhere	737 60
Paid LeBaron Foundry Co., 26 grate bars	22 32
“ J. L. Jenney, coal for crusher	8 17
“ John F. Alden, for carting gravel across his fields years 1891 and 1892	5 00

Paid Middleborough Electric Light Co., removing [poles on North Main street and damage by water	20 45
Paid T. W. Pierce, merchandise as per bills	58 62
“ Shiverick & Thomas, reconcreting from Centre to Pierce street by order of Selectmen	325 00
Paid Bailey & Soule, blacksmithing . . .	15 01
“ Charles Carpenter, changing curbing, North Main street, and 126 loads gravel	14 60
Paid J. & G. E. Doane, merchandise as per bills	78 01
“ L. Lincoln & Son, blacksmithing as per bills	69 10
Paid William Downing, oil for crusher and street lighting	4 85
Paid L. F. Tinkham, 557 loads gravel and 10 loads curbing stone	61 50
Paid S. W. Bump, 150 loads gravel, 18 cedar posts, railing and iron work .	12 12
Paid Galen Lovell, 170 loads gravel .	17 00
“ W. B. Stetson, 39 loads gravel and stone	3 90
“ Winslow Pratt, damage by falling tree	2 50
“ Carl Maxim, wood work for snow plough	7 20
“ Superintendent's services, by orders given by Selectmen	525 00
Paid N. S. Cushing, snow bill after Mr. Wood's report	4 00

Paid William Downing, snow bill for December, 1893	54 95
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	\$12,614 32
Unexpended balance Jan. 1st, 1893, as shown by report	\$516 21
Appropriation for 1893	\$14,000 00
Cash received for gravel, pipe, &c., 1893	18 00
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	\$14,534 21
	12,614 32
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	\$1,919 89

There will probably be \$200.00 returned to highway credit from a land award on North Main street.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. SHIVERICK.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Jan. 1st, 1894.

REPORT OF STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

As you have bought the Gas and Electric Plant, and as your streets will soon be illuminated with Arc Light, comment seems to be needless. We have only to say that the Oil Lights, commonly styled the "Bug," have been operated including cost of lantern post, etc., for \$9.74 per year per lamp, we believe they have served their purpose and have made it possible for you today to own your lighting plant, we therefore bid them a speedy but fond farewell. The following orders have been drawn on your Treasurer:—

1893.

Jan.	3.	Bailey & Soule, labor and supplies	\$21 00
	9.	R. J. Nourse, labor and expenses	20 00
	13.	H. L. Thatcher, printing . . .	2 00
	13.	Norcross, Mellen & Co., supplies	33 04
	27.	C. H. Tribou, labor and expenses	111 33
	30.	E. P. LeBaron, freight . . .	5 02
Feb.	1.	Standard Oil Co.	206 91
	1.	C. W. Maxim, labor	7 35

Feb.	3.	H. L. Cushman, labor . . .	19 88
	4.	A. C. Thomas, labor . . .	10 05
	4.	H. Whittemore, labor . . .	3 00
	9.	R. J. Nourse, labor . . .	18 75
	24.	C. H. Tribou, labor . . .	109 33
	25.	Old Colony Railroad, freight .	1 55
	25.	LeBaron Foundry Co., teaming .	15 25
Mar.	2.	H. L. Cushman, labor . . .	9 42
	7.	R. J. Nourse, labor . . .	18 75
	18.	A. C. Thomas, labor . . .	5 15
	27.	C. H. Tribou, labor and expenses	110 33
April	7.	T. B. West, labor . . .	4 50
	9.	H. L. Cushman, labor . . .	9 34
	11.	R. J. Nourse, labor . . .	18 75
	18.	A. C. Thomas, labor . . .	6 65
	24.	C. H. Tribou, labor and expenses	109 33
	24.	Standard Oil Co. . . .	188 49
	24.	Norcross, Mellen & Co., supplies	56 64
	29.	H. L. Cushman, labor and expenses	9 82
May	9.	R. J. Nourse, labor and expenses	19 75
	16.	A. B. Chase, labor . . .	5 75
	23.	C. H. Tribou, labor . . .	109 33
June	9.	H. L. Cushman, labor and expenses	9 42
	12.	R. J. Nourse, labor . . .	18 75
	13.	A. B. Chase, labor . . .	7 00
	15.	C. W. Maxim, labor . . .	3 21
	15.	Old Colony Railroad, freight .	1 79
	21.	C. H. Tribou, labor and expenses	109 58
July	8.	R. J. Nourse, labor . . .	18 75

July	10.	H. L. Cushman, labor and expenses	9 17
	19.	C. H. Tribou, labor	109 33
Aug.	2.	H. L. Cushman, labor and expenses	9 42
	8.	R. J. Nourse, labor and expenses	18 75
	9.	Norcross, Mellen & Co., supplies	47 20
	9.	Peter Gray, supplies	16 00
	23.	C. H. Tribou, labor	109 33
Sept.	9.	R. J. Nourse, labor	18 75
	16.	H. L. Cushman, labor	9 17
	19.	Old Colony Railroad, freight .	17 25
	28.	Peter Gray, supplies	21 90
	28.	Standard Oil Co.	79 08
	30.	C. H. Tribou, labor	109 33
Oct.	4.	H. L. Cushman, labor	9 42
	10.	R. J. Nourse, labor	18 75
	12.	C. H. Tribou, labor and expenses	110 83
Nov.	13.	R. J. Nourse, labor and expenses	18 75
	17.	H. L. Cushman, labor and expenses	10 17
	29.	C. H. Tribou, labor and expenses	109 33
Dec.	9.	L. E. Thomas, teaming and freight	43 40
	9.	R. J. Nourse, labor	18 75
	9.	H. L. Cushman, labor	9 42
	27.	Norcross, Mellen & Co., supplies	80 24
	30.	Standard Oil Co.	180 36
	30.	Peter Gray, supplies	19 45

Dec. 30. C. H. Tribou,	109 68
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	\$2,748 19

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. WOOD,
D. G. PRATT.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY,
JANUARY, 1894.

The report of the Librarian, which is herewith presented, is incorporated with and made a part of the report of the trustees.

Mrs. A. K. Thatcher has been Librarian during the year, with Misses Lucy M. T. Brayton and Harriet B. Sylvester as assistants. The Library is open every day, except Sundays and holidays, from 2 to 8 p. m.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Trustees of the Middleborough Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:—My annual report, for the year, closing January 1, 1894, is summed up as follows:

Library open 306 days from 2 until 8 p. m., except Sundays and holidays. The circulation for the year has been 21,127 volumes, exclusive of magazines and books of reference consulted in the reading room.

March, as usual, has the largest monthly circulation, 2,243, and June the smallest, 1,566.

The Library at present numbers 5,895 volumes having added 225 since the last report. We have had 119 volumes rebound and I have laid aside 25 books which are very badly worn and have missing leaves. Several of them have been in almost constant circulation for the past ten years.

A statement from some of the leading libraries of New England, shows the book having the greatest number of readers, from those libraries, to be Dickens' "David Copperfield," but with us, the most popular and oftenest called for volume for the past six years, has been, and is today, Gen. Lew Wallace's "Ben Hur." Had we funds sufficient there are a number of books of which duplicate copies would be in great demand.

Covered, numbered and labelled, 1240 volumes.

The last card issued up to date, is numbered 975, showing a gain of 415 for the year.

Received from fines	\$36 46
Received from sale of catalogues	1 50
Cards sold out of town	2 50
Paid for P. O. Box	2 00
Paid express and other charges	3 46

ADELAIDE K. THATCHER,

Librarian.

January , 1894.

Many public documents and government publications have not yet been classified, indexed and catalogued. These added to the list now on our catalogues will make

the number of books in the library to considerably exceed 6,000 volumes.

A number of publications from different departments of the national government have been received, which have been sent under the direction of Hon. E. A. Morse. Documents and Reports have been regularly received from different State officials and commissions, including the Portfolio Map of the State of Massachusetts. We are also pleased to acknowledge the receipt from Mrs. D. Anna Paun of a bound copy of the Genealogy of the Descendants of John Thompson.

The record of the books given out by the Librarian would be largely increased if an account was kept of books used in the reading room or from the reference library. These books are always accessible for consultation during library hours, and constitute quite an important part of the service rendered by the library. It is to be regretted that there are some persons who have no more respect for the privileges they enjoy than to mutilate and disfigure the books and catalogues the use of which is so freely given them.

The citizens of the town may well congratulate themselves that the library, in the twenty years of its existence, with a very small beginning, without any large donations, and no endowments, and with no burden to the taxpayers, has achieved a very considerable degree of success.

The following periodicals may be found regularly on the reading room table:—

American Agriculturist,	Manifesto,
Art Interchange,	New England Magazine,
Arena,	Outing,
Atlantic Monthly,	Overland Monthly,
Century Magazine,	Patent Office Official Gazette,
Cosmopolitan,	Popular Science Monthly,
Current Literature,	Public Opinion,
Eclectic Magazine,	Review of Reviews,
Engineering Magazine,	Saint Nicholas,
Forum,	Scientific American,
Frank Leslie's Monthly,	Scientific American Supple-
Godey's,	ment,
Harper's Magazine,	Scribner's Magazine,
Magazine of American History.	

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees,

JOSEPH E. BEALS,

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT, PUBLIC LIBRARY.
FOR 1893.

Balance of cash on hand at last annual report	\$57 63
Received from Town Treasurer, "dog money,"	824 77
Received from Town Treasurer, "other licenses,"	51 50
Received for fines, etc., at Library . . .	35 00
	<hr/> \$968 90

Paid A. K. Thatcher, librarian .	\$200 00
“ Lucy M. T. Brayton, assistant	37 50
“ Harriet B. Sylvester, assistant	61 05
“ Harriet B. Sylvester, typewriting and work on catalogues	9 32
“ Myra Leonard, assistant . . .	19 80
“ Estes & Lauriat, books, &c.	248 94
“ for insurance	114 00
“ for call slips	9 83
“ F. W. R. Emery, rebinding books	37 30
“ James M. Coombs, magazines	62 20
“ Library Bureau, supplies .	3 15
“ E. Jones, Jr., varnishing, etc.	42 27
“ Postage, express and freight bills	3 03
“ B. F. Johnson, cleaning library	4 00
	<hr/> 852 39
Balance on hand Jan., 1894,	<hr/> \$116 51

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. BEALS,

Treasurer.

Examined and approved.

AMOS H. EATON, Auditor.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1893-1894.

Term expires, 1894.

GEORGE BRAYTON,

JAMES M. COOMBS,

JOSEPH E. BEALS, *Sec'y.*

Term expires, 1895.

E. BOBINSON,

E. S. HATHAWAY,

A. M. WOOD.

Term expires, 1896.

WM. R. PEIRCE, *Pres.*

C. D. KINGMAN,

W. H. SOUTHWORTH.

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

FOR THE YEAR 1893.

Net amount drawn from the treasury . . . \$6,113 57

Received as follows, from —

City of Lynn	\$1 00
City of Fall River	5 05
Town of Plymouth	42 00
Town of Wareham	35 82
Town of Hanson	26 00

State Treasurer, for state paup- ers	6 25
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Geo. L. Ellis, medical examiner, found on body of Robert Frazier	14 42
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Goods sold belonging to estate of Robert Frazier	3 00
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Produce from the farm sold	133 54
	825 49

\$7,072 60

Paid out as follows; viz:—

For support of paupers in the almshouse \$2,127 74

Out of the almshouse:

Mrs Allen Pratt	\$48 00
“ Paul Short	19 50
“ Stillman B. Morse . .	10 00
“ Charles W. Murray . .	9 00
“ Samuel B. Maxim . .	36 00
Samuel Wood	76 75
E. Bell	53 66
Levi Shaw	106 00
Mary L. Beisecker . .	145 75
Albert Elliot	216 00
James E. Richmond . .	75 50
Ellen Croacher	6 00
Julia A. Swift	17 50
Nancy, Sarah and Olive Leonard	156 00
Patience C. Benson . . .	81 00
Sally C. Benson	58 00
Sarah Vaughan	146 00
Aseneth E. Alden	47 00
Standish Ryder	54 00
Fred Wilmot	11 00
J. F. Dowsing	94 11
Frank Standish	2 00
Wendall White	3 00
George Percy	12 44
Warren Soule	76 05

\$1,560 26

City of New Bedford, for aid furnished Mrs. Mary Lawrence	65 00
City of New Bedford, for aid furnished William Thornton .	3 50
City of New Bedford, for aid furnished Stephen B. Young .	92 50
City of Fall River, for aid fur- nished Edward Holmes . . .	77 86
City of Lawrence, for aid fur- nished Mrs. David Jones .	41 05
City of Taunton, for aid furnished Mrs. Nathan D. Churchill .	3 46
City of Taunton, for aid furnished Mrs. Nancy Ashley . . .	85 50
City of Taunton, for aid furnished Mrs. Emma I. Hackett . . .	34 11
City of Brockton, for aid furnished Mrs. Julia A. Swift . . .	138 75
City of Brockton, for aid furnished Mrs. Ellen J. Weeks . . .	28 73
City of Brockton, for aid furnished Robert R. Clark	57 32
City of Brockton, for aid furnished Warren Soule	42 00
Town of Westport, for aid fur- nished Mrs. Rosalie A. Thyng	52 00
Town of Fairhaven, for aid fur- nished Mrs. Zilpha E. Barrows	4 75
Town of Mattapoisett, for aid fur- nished Mrs. Zilpha E. Barrows	46 75

Town of Plymouth, for aid furnished David Shurtleff . . .	20 00	
Town of Falmouth, for aid furnished Mrs. Clara S. Carr . .	192 00	985 28
In Taunton Insane Hospital,		
Paid for C. Herbert Wilder . .	126 75	
“ “ Charles Murdock . .	180 61	
“ “ Mrs. Sophia C. Kenney . .	80 32	
“ “ Mrs. Emma K. Glancy . .	154 14	
“ “ Carrie S. Bryant . .	12 07	
In Worcester Insane Hospital,		
Paid for Robert Fitzsimmons . .	169 46	
In Marlboro,		
Paid for Joanna O'Keeffe . .	156 43	
In Mass. School for Feeble Minded,		
Paid for Ezra O. Cobb . .	155 06	
In State Farm at Bridgewater,		
Paid for Joseph A. Wallen . .	131 49	
“ “ George Wallen . .	146 00	1,312 33
Paid aid furnished those having settlements in other places:—		
Mrs. Hiram Bryant, Plymouth . .	5 90	
Mrs. George B. Wentworth, Plymouth	84 00	
Daniel Phillips, Hanson . .	26 00	
Ezra A. Pittsley, Freetown . .	8 00	
William and Reuel Gibbs, Wareham . .	10 18	
Ezra B. Bumpus, Wareham . .	2 00	
William Bumpus, Wareham . .	21 00	

Mrs. Hannah Bumpus, Wareham	16 76	
Charles P. Pittsley, Wareham . .	8 50	
Joseph Canavan, State . . .	2 25	
Francis Tetro, State . . .	6 00	
Joseph Garby, State . . .	6 28	
Mrs. Wagner, State . . .	4 00	
Mrs. Mary Reidy, Woburn .	9 37	
Andrew P. Bismore, New Bedford	2 72	212 96
Paid George Soule, for funeral expenses Carrie E. M. Jones	23 50	
Paid George Soule, for funeral expenses Miss Atwood . . .	21 00	
Paid George Soule, for funeral expenses Mrs. Hollis . . .	20 00	
Paid George Soule, for funeral expenses Robert Frazier .	25 00	
Paid James L. Jenney, for coal	70 00	
“ A. M. Wood, expenses out of town with paupers . . .	3 15	
Paid James A. Burgess, expenses out of town with paupers .	6 82	
Paid Thayer Heater Co. . .	4 56	
“ L. T. Miller, for wood .	47 50	
“ H. L. Thatcher, for printing	2 50	
“ T. S. Hodgson, for services as physician at alms house .	50 00	
Paid T. S. Hodgson, for services outside	100 00	

Paid George W. Sherman and wife, for services one year	500 00	874 03
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\$7,072 60

Whole number in the almshouse during the year	22	
Whole number of tramps during the year	403	
Inmates the whole time	16	
Present number	19	
Number of weeks for one person	922	
Average expense per week, not in- cluding Superintendent's salary	\$2 30	
Amount of real estate January 1, 1894	\$9,925 00	
Amount of personal estate Jan- uary 1, 1894	2,683 00	
	<hr/>	\$12,608 00
Amount of real estate January 1, 1893	\$9,925 00	
Amount of personal estate Jan- uary 1, 1893	3,016 00	
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AMOUNT OF PRODUCE RAISED ON THE FARM.

Hay	30 tons
Corn fodder	6 "
Rye straw	1½ "
Squashes and pumpkins	2 "

Rowen	.	.	.	.	.	4 tons
Oats	.	.	.	.	.	3 "
Millet	.	.	.	.	.	1 "
Corn	.	.	.	.	.	112 bushels
Potatoes	.	.	.	.	.	336 "
Turnips	.	.	.	.	.	57 "
Beets	.	.	.	.	.	176 "
Carrots	.	.	.	.	.	8 "
Beans	.	.	.	.	.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Parsnips	.	.	.	.	.	7 "
Rye	.	.	.	.	.	19 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Cabbages	.	.	.	.	.	550 heads
Apples	.	.	.	.	.	3 barrels
Butter	.	.	.	.	.	670 pounds
Cream	.	.	.	.	.	17 gallons
Eggs	.	.	.	.	.	576 dozen
Milk	.	.	.	.	.	2,500 gallons
Pork	.	.	.	.	.	1,427 pounds
Beef	.	.	.	.	.	1,874 "
Veal	.	.	.	.	.	244 "
Pigs	.	.	.	.	.	38
Fowl	.	.	.	.	.	80
Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Rhubarb, Green Beans, Green Peas, Melons, &c.						

ANDREW C. WOOD,
SYLVANUS MENDALL,
CHARLES T. THATCHER,

Overseers of the Poor.

STATE AID

Furnished the following persons for the year 1893.

Ashley, Mrs. Susan A.	\$48 00	Merrick, John R.	\$48 00
Butler, Mrs. Susan K.	38 00	Morse, Mrs. Lucy A.	48 00
Benson, Mrs. Paulina R.	12 00	Morse, Ezra	36 00
Bly, Mrs. Adeline H.	48 00	Mosher, Benjamin F.	54 00
Bumpus, Marcus	36 00	Nichols, Mrs. Lucia M.	3 00
Bump, Benjamin W.	36 00	Norveill, Mrs. Susan	24 00
Bliss, Alphonso	54 00	Perkins, Mrs. Calista	48 00
Bisbee, Sylvanus	24 00	Perkins, John J.	36 00
Baker, John S.	48 00	Pittsley, Mrs. Cordelia	48 00
Cole, Job N.	60 00	Pittsley, Charles P.	120 00
Chace, Ezra S.	36 00	Paul, Mrs. Mary E.	48 00
Crosby, Asa F.	90 00	Pratt, Charles W.	15 00
Cobb, Ansel A.	36 00	Pratt, Mrs. Maria A.	12 00
Chamberlain, Mrs. Catharine	48 00	Powers, George	18 00
Capen, Mrs. Mary L.	48 00	Raymond, Marcus M.	36 00
Clark, Mrs. Maria H.	3 00	Raymond, Lucius S.	48 00
Dorr, Amos L.	72 00	Shaw, William B.	60 00
Englested, Charles W.	24 00	Shaw, William N.	72 00
Fagan, Peter	120 00	Shaw, Isaac	24 00
Gardner, Andrew J.	12 00	Scanlin, John	72 00
Gammons, Thomas G.	36 00	Standish, Alfred O.	48 00
Glancy, Bernard	72 00	Soule, Mrs. Abbie J.	24 00
Gibbs, Stephen S.	9 00	Sherman, Mrs. Eliza B.	48 00
Haskins, Harrison	54 00	Shores, Mrs. Phebe C.	8 00
Haskins, Mrs. Drusilla H.	16 00	Tinkham, Charles	36 00
Hansell, Mrs. Lottie E.	48 00	Thomas, Arad Jr.	48 00
Harlow, Mrs. Betsey	48 00	Tillson, Benjamin O.	9 00
Haines, Mrs. Maria S.	24 00	Westgate, Edward S.	48 00
Hunt, Mrs. Vesta H.	30 00	Weston, Sanford	48 00
Hunt, Ephraim A.	54 00	Weston, Dura T.	24 00
Haley, Edward Jr.	36 00	Whitecomb, William R.	24 00
Holmes, Theodore P.	48 00	Whitecomb, Mrs. Martha W.	48 00
Howland, Alvin C.	4 00	Weatherby, Mrs. Betsey D.	24 00
Holloway, Marcus M.	6 00	Ware, Mrs. Harriette A.	48 00
Jefferson, Mrs. Sarah	24 00	Wood, Mrs. Eliza T.	48 00
Knowland, John B.	48 00	Wood, Jacob	48 00
Lucas, Abner	48 00	Young, John	12 00
Littlejohn, Ira O.	24 00		
Lane, Benjamin F.	120 00		
Mellen, Charles C.	66 00		
			\$3,171 00

MILITARY AID

Furnished the following persons for the year 1893.

Cunningham, David H.	\$36 00	Thompson, George H.	\$64 00
Deane, George R.	96 00	Thompson, William F.	72 00
Morse, Artemas	72 00	Wood, Daniel	96 00
Mitchell, Charles	66 00	Glidden, Benjamin R.	120 00
McLaughlin, Benjamin S.	120 00		
Marshall, William H.	28 00		
			\$770 00

REPORT

OF THE

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Taxes remaining unpaid for—

1883, as per last report .	\$8 31
1884, " " .	17 11
1885, " " .	29 71
1886, " " .	169 63
1887, " " .	313 00
1888, " " .	567 45
1889, " " .	1,218 87
1890, " " .	1,622 13
1891, " " .	3,020 94
1892, " " .	10,027 26
Taxes committed, 1893 .	64,028 11
Interest received . . .	426 92
	\$81,449 44

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By taxes remaining unpaid for 1883	\$6 31
" " " 1884	17 11
" " " 1885	29 71
" " " 1886	135 37

By taxes remaining unpaid for 1887	199 05
" " " 1888	397 60
" " " 1889	667 91
" " " 1890	983 89
" " " 1891	1,780 88
" " " 1892	3,638 46
" " " 1893	12,402 28

By Assessors' orders 614 78

By cash paid Town Treasurer . 60,576 09

————— \$81,449 44

C. T. THATCHER,

Collector.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

For the Year 1893.

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Cash received as follows:—

On hand as per last year's report . . .	\$8,359 26
From State Treasurer, for corporation tax .	5,530 33
State Treasurer, for national bank tax .	2,402 73
State Treasurer, for State aid . . .	3,351 50
State Treasurer, for military aid . . .	403 50
State Treasurer, for putting fish over the dam in 1890	45 70
County Treasurer, for dog licenses for 1892	824 77
Brewster, Cobb & Esterbrook, for muni- cipal lighting bonds	70,000 00
Brewster, Cobb & Esterbrook, for accrued interest	342 22
W. L. Chipman, clerk 4th District Court, for fines	391 50
Middleboro' Savings Bank, temporary loan	16,000 00
Middleboro' Savings Bank, for interest on B. P. Wood's cemetery fund .	3 00

From Middleboro' Savings Bank, for interest on Thomas Wood's cemetery fund .	3 00
Middleboro' Savings Bank, for interest on Priscilla Wood's cemetery fund .	1 50
James L. Jenney, for benefit Sophronia L. Reed's cemetery lot	50 00
C. D. Kingman, for benefit Jarad Pratt's cemetery lot	150 00
C. D. Kingman, for benefit C. D. King- man's cemetery lot	100 00
C. D. Kingman, for benefit Roswell Wal- dron and Benjamin Barrow's cemetery lot	150 00
Town House Committee	587 35
School Committee	653 84
Selectmen, for "Soldiers' Relief" .	111 75
Overseers of the Poor	133 54
Interest allowed on bank deposits .	91 86
Randall Hathaway, for herrings . .	345 00
Licensing 437 male dogs	874 00
Licensing 30 female dogs	150 00
Estate of George Bennett	30 00
James Cole, auctioneer's license . .	2 00
Austin Lovell, auctioneer's license .	2 00
Everett T. Lincoln, auctioneer's license	2 00
Albert T. Savery, auctioneer's license .	2 00
Patrick J. Clark, peddler's license .	12 00
Walter S. Atwood, peddler's license .	12 00
Galen N. Cushing, peddler's license .	12 00
David A. Tucker, billiard license .	2 00

From E. H. Blake, fireworks license . . .	5 00
Charles Y. Wilcox, peddler's license . . .	50
Joseph Samuels, license	25 58
Mrs. Lucy T. Warren, for sewer permit . . .	50 00
George W. Copeland, for sewer permit . . .	25 00
Old Colony Railroad, for sewer permit . . .	100 00
Thomas Spooner, Jr., for sewer permit . . .	50 00
J. G. Sparrow's estate, for sewer permit . . .	50 00
George W. Lovell, for sewer permit . . .	25 00
Arthur H. Leonard, for sewer permit . . .	25 00
George T. Putnam, for sewer permit . . .	75 00
H. C. Coombs, for sewer permit . . .	75 00
S. Edward Matthews, for sewer permit . . .	25 00
Sparrow Brothers, for sewer permit . . .	25 00
Albert Alden, for sewer permit	50 00
Mrs. Georgiana LeBaron, for sewer permit . . .	50 00
Philander Bump, for sewer permit	25 00
Rufus J. Brett, for sewer permit	25 00
L. P. Thatcher, for sewer permit	25 00
T. S. Hodgson, for sewer permit	25 00
M. H. Cushing, for sewer permit	25 00
George H. Place, for sewer permit	50 00
William Nolan, for sewer permit	25 00
George A. Earle, for sewer permit	25 00
E. Louisa Francis, for sewer permit	25 00
Charles C. Tinkham, for sewer permit	25 00
Arlon R. Dustin, for sewer permit	25 00
Charles F. Peirce, for concreting	98 25
Mrs. L. C. Bliss, for concreting	14 40
S. S. Stetson, for concreting	32 40

From N. F. Ryder, for concreting . . .	93 35
J. H. Cushing, for concreting . . .	33 75
From the following cities and towns on account of fish: Taunton, \$30 00; Dighton, \$20 00; Somerset, \$20 00; Raynham, \$20 00; Berkley, \$20 00; Fall River, \$10 00; Freetown, \$10 00 . . .	130 00
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	\$112,490 58
From Collector of Taxes	60 576 09
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	\$173,066 67

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Paid State Treasurer, for State tax . . .	\$4,350 00
State Treasurer, for national bank tax . . .	151 97
State Treasurer, for corporation tax . . .	4 09
County Treasurer, for dog licenses . . .	930 60
Town Clerk, for fees	93 40
Joseph E. Beals, for Public Library, dog licenses for 1892	824 77
Joseph E. Beals, for Public Library, other licenses for 1893	51 50
County Treasurer, for County tax . . .	5,387 00
C. D. Kingman, for suppression of crime . . .	50 00
N. Y. & B. D. Express Co.'s bill . . .	6 55
L. M. Alden, for G. A. R.	150 00
W. H. Southworth, for interest on ceme- tery funds	7 50

Deposited in Middleboro' Savings Bank in trust for Sophronia L. Reed's estate to keep cemetery lot in good order .	50 00
Deposited in Middleboro' Savings Bank in trust for Jared Pratt's estate to keep cemetery lot in good order .	150 00
Deposited in Middleboro' Savings Bank in trust for Roswell Waldron and Ben- jamin Barrows' estates to keep ceme- tery lot in good order	150 00
Deposited in Middleboro' Savings Bank in trust for C. D. Kingman to keep cemetery lot in good order . . .	100 00
Postoffice box rent	1 00
George A. Smith, for Gas & Electric Light Plant	63,000 00
Selectmen's orders, for Soldiers' Relief under act of 1890, chap. 447 . . .	458 17
Selectmen's orders	27,017 78
Overseers of the Poor orders . . .	6,247 11
Town House Committee orders . . .	1,938 29
Board of Health orders	174 75
Special Lighting Committee orders .	463 50
Street Lighting Committee orders .	2,742 90
W. L. Chipman's, clerk 4th District Court, orders for court fees to officers . .	227 03
School Committee orders	17,840 29
Notes	21,000 00
Interest	3,998 09

From State Aid	3,171 00
Military Aid	770 00
Building committee, new school house	90 00
Stamps, postal cards, blanks, &c. .	37 35
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	\$161,634 64
Cash on hand	11,432 03
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	\$173,066 67

C. T. THATCHER,

Treasurer.

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Overseers of the Poor orders	6,247 11
Selectmen "Soldier Relief" orders	458 17
Selectmen orders	27,017 78
Building Committee new school house orders	90 00
Street Lighting Committee orders	2,742 90
Special Lighting Committee orders	463 50
School Committee orders	17,840 29
Town House Committee orders	1,938 29
W. L. Chipman, clerk 4th District Court, orders	227 03
Notes and Interest	24,998 09
Board of Health orders	174 75
State Aid	3,171 00
Military Aid	770 00
Miscellaneous	75,495 73
Cash on hand	11,432 03
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	\$173,066 67

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the bills and accounts of all officers and committees of the town who are charged with the receipt, expenditure, and disbursement of money. As nearly as I can determine, these accounts are substantially correct, and properly avouched for, with a single exception.

The Treasurer has about three hundred dollars, the receipt of which he cannot account for.

There can be no reflection upon the integrity of the Treasurer, else there would be a deficiency instead of a surplus in his cash.

It is not certain where this error is, or in what year, or years, it occurred, or whether it may not have been gathering for the past twelve years.

It is evidently the result of the *methods* employed in keeping the accounts.

When the receipts of the Treasurer are over (\$173,000) one hundred and seventy-three thousand dollars, as they were in 1893, it is certain that the best methods must be employed in keeping the accounts, and all the checks must be used that experience can offer.

Again I wish to say, there can be no reflection upon

the honesty of the Treasurer. I doubt if any man could have kept these books, in the way in which they have been kept for more than thirty years, and have made so few mistakes as the present officer.

AMOS H. EATON,

Auditor.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1893.

Date	Name	Residence	Name	Residence
Jan 18	Ezra B Whittier	Boston	Mary L Turner	Middleboro
28	Omar F Achorn	Middleboro	Ethel F Norris	"
Feb 4	William A Merrikew	"	Nettie F Haskins	Lakeville
16	Earl G Besse, Jr	"	Mrs Amelia E Silva	Middleboro
23	Thomas W Higgins	"	Carrie M Wright	"
25	Thomas J Pittsley	"	Ellen O'Brien	"
Mar 2	Alexander Mack	Easton	Anna A Russell	Easton
7	Tho. A Washburn	Middleboro	Sarah L Sparrow	Middleboro
9	Miles Standish, Jr	Plymouth	Fannie E Tribou	"
11	Walter F Orcutt	Middleboro	Nellie Nye	"
Apr 3	Samuel Butterworth	"	Margaret Scanlin	"
3	Omar A Tinkham	"	Emma L Ryder	Bourne
4	John F O'Mahoney	"	Mary Barry	Middleboro
5	Patrick J Crowley	"	Katie Houlihan	"
6	Alexander B Clark	Brockton	Flora H Atwood	"
15	Bradford T Westgate	Middleboro	Cora L Bumpus	"
22	Stephen K White	"	Sadie Howard	"
May 4	James H Russell	"	Minnie E Crosson	"
7	Peter Bissonnette	"	Mary Corneau	"
9	William E Reed	"	Martha L Hinks	"
10	Calvin C Griffeth	"	Lucy B Tinkham	"
June 6	Charles H Chase	Wareham	Carrie W Staples	Wareham
7	Emil A Posselt	Middleboro	Ida L Peirce	Middleboro
11	Thomas H Dearing	Braintree	Helen A Nevers	"
25	Frederick A Wright	Middleboro	Lizzie T Peirce	"
15	William M Boehme	"	Martha Banwell	"
20	Jos. Boutin	"	Anna Gregoire	E Bridg'ater
23	Andrew Tatro	"	Rose E Westgate	Rochester
27	Alfred A Shaw	"	Lucy J Mathewson	Middleboro
29	Geo A Richards	"	Adelia C Baker	"
July 1	Gedeon N Poirier	"	Clara E Mongrain	Lowell
2	Thomas Morgan	"	Lena M Shaw	Middleboro
3	James Rossiter	"	Mrs Martha Nichols	"
16	John L Felch	"	Lotta A LeBaron	"
23	Henry Dickson	"	Lizzie C Marchant	"
Aug 1	Nathan S Wadsworth	"	Marian P Alden	"
9	Charles George	"	Katharine E Wilcox	"
9	James J McCarthy	"	Honora Butler	Wareham
14	Herbert S Thomas	"	Isabella G Turner	Middleboro
17	George H Benoit	"	Adelia Morris	"

MARRIAGES.—*Continued.*

Date	Name	Residence	Name	Residence
Sep 13	Frank W Faulkner	Athol	Ethel T Richardson	Middleboro
13	Elmer Goodrich	Caanan, Me	Clara Baxter	"
15	Jerome H Tucker	Providence	Anna B Slade	Providence
20	David R Peckham	Whitman	Mary E Mendall	Middleboro
21	Charles E Mellen	Middleboro	Mrs HarrietVA Snow	"
26	J Gonsalves daRosa	"	Martinha d'C d'Motta	"
30	Arthur H Macomber	Lakeville	Mrs Alice M Rogers	Lakeville
Oct 7	Galen N Cushing	Middleboro	Rose M Jefferson	Middleboro
15	George W Cleaves	Rockport	Mrs SilviaT Sampson	"
18	Henry Soule	Middleboro	Emily L Carr	"
25	Horace W Ellis	"	Minnetta A Barstow	Taunton
27	Harry W Pittsley	"	Emma E Hayward	Middleboro
28	John Gregory	"	Marg't Connaughton	"
31	Wellington E Kilton	"	Julia I Thomas	"
Nov 1	Caleb H Perry	"	Margaret EDickerson	Charlesto'n
4	Charles G Conant	Bridgewater	Carrie W Simpson	Middleboro
5	Isaac W Shaw	Middleboro	Mrs Addie E Jefferson	"
9	Fred C Severance	"	Myra E Mugridge	"
9	A Ellis B Leach	"	Mary E Leland	"
15	Walter S Atwood	"	Jennie E Pratt	"
15	A Vincent Smith	"	Lillian M Monroe	"
16	William C Leonard	"	Agnes W Shaw	"
16	Reuben W Leonard	Raynham	Mary A G Livingston	"
19	James Roze	Middleboro	Emily J Beppele	Boston
30	Patrick J Donovan	Bridgewater	Katie A Welch	Middleboro
30	Jacob Land	Boston	Clara Rosenfeld	"
30	Admiral H Watson	Middleboro	Eva L Brown	"
Dec 4	M D Hamamjian	"	Rachel T Manoogian	Newton
14	Nelson C White	"	Susie M White	Middleboro
22	Everett W Francis	Boston	Minnie N Erskine	"
25	Horace C Churbuck	Middleboro	Lydia T Nightingale	Wareham
25	Chester Ashley	Boston	Sophronia A Alden	Middleboro
30	Walter B Spooner	New Bedford	Lucy E Morse	"

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1893.

Date	Name of Child	Names of Parents	Maiden Name
Jan 2	Angeline Fairfield	Herbert J and Margaret	
3	Susie Swett Dunham	Charles H and Lelia P	Etter
5	Marion Beatrice Bliss	Charles A and Nellie P	Smith
18	Ralph Edgar Burden	Frank P and Mary G	Whittemore
13	Herbert H Thomas	Abraham L and Joanna	Berry
21	Mildred Moody	Thomas K and Ella F	Sampson
22	Mary Dutra	Joseph and Maria	Glatie
30	John Fairfield	Frank and Annie	Larshon
30	—— Chamberlain	Frank W and Mary	
31	Earl Walter Drake	Wilson and Ella A	Van Dorn
Feb 1	Florence M Dunham	Arad R and Florence A	Smart
7	Lewis Addison Pratt	Simeon L and Bertha S B	Savage
7	Anna Morris	Amos and Maria	Angel
4	Marion F Leonard	Allen M and Susie G	Cook
12	Ruth F Conway	Edward C and Eva M	Woodward
13	Earl Ford Dempsey	William H and Alice M	Finney
14	Joseph Figgero	Manuel and Rosa	Silvia
15	Irene May Crossen	William H and Juliet	Kelley
16	Hannah A Welch	Patrick and Susannah	Harrington
19	Alice L M Raymond	Frank C and Hattie E	Davenport
20	Cornelius F Harring'n	Cornelius F and Matilda	Boehme
22	Howard C Vining	Fred E and Mary A	Williams
25	Bernard V Lamb	James B and Hattie A	Vaughan
28	Margaret O Wood	Edward C and Katharine O	Smith
29	John Burke	Edward and Anna	Burns
Mar 1	Myrtle Berry	Nahum J and Earnestine A	Chisholm
1	Mary J I Hodgetts	William A and Kate	Furnistone
2	Charles E Tinkham	Whiting J and Margaret	Chamberlain
4	Mary Alma Johnson	Daniel N and Alma	Pratt
7	Henry Clifton Gibbs	Martin F and Alice G	Braley
8	Joanna McCloud	Murdock and Anna	Madison
9	Margaret M Galligan	James H and Sarah A	Foley
11	Susan Lynden Allen	Walter K and Laura A	Gibbs
11	Charles L. Tribou	Charles H and Etta M	Batchelder
12	George C Bernier	John B and Florence	Petsef
19	Fred Deane Pittsley	Charles P and Isa L	Deane
19	Ruth Lovell	Clifford S and C Maude	Hicks
25	Florence Arline Cobb	Lyman W and Edith A	Nye
31	Helen W Chandler	Williston B and Betsey W	Ward
Apr 1	Roy Victor Fagerberg	John and Olivia	Erincisses
5	Edith M Simpson	Douglass H and Edith	Goudey
6	James F McQuade	James and Catharine	Higgins
9	And'w C Wrighting'n	Charles G and Roxanna C	Keyes
9	Amelia A Rudolph	Lewis and Mary	Morris
11	Abby Rose Hazleton	George H and Maria E	Rose
12	Edward Carichi	Ercole and Almuca	Ponguire
12	David Francis Hines	D Herbert and Matilda F	Braley
19	Florence L Gallond	Arthur M and Agnes Y	Weir
21	Lillian D Dunham	Edward and Lena	Morris
24	Forest E Thomas	L Edgar and Lauretta	Carver

BIRTHS.—*Continued.*

Date	Name of Child	Names of Parents	Maiden Name
Apl 24	Frederic H Dunham	Charles O and Olivia H	Forsberg
24	Benjamin K Glidden	Amasa R and Mary B	Pickens
25	———Quinley	William J and Anna M	Sutcliffe
26	Mildred W Ashley	Charles E and Alice J	Ashley
May 1	Leroy H Phinney	Ashley S and Inez	Jackson
6	Caroline Lois Jones	Eben and Carrie L	Southworth
6	Roger Wood	George E and Annah	Sparrow
6	Newhall W Raymond	Robert N and Anna H	Finney
14	Lavinia F Raymond	Rufus H and Lillie J	Caswell
17	Clifford A Bulley	Joseph and Mary A	Pratt
19	Hattie E Chace	Jacob T and Addie L	Caswell
21	Mary Sophia Krause	Charles and Henrietta	Hertroch
26	Leon Clark Handy	William and Ellen M	Glidden
June 3	Dorothy E Snow	Abner W Jr and Jueletta S	Taylor
10	Helen May Williams	J Frank and Jessie C	Taylor
10	Verna L Francis	William J and Ida M	Tice
10	George H Boardman	George and Katharine	Hall
11	———Lepore	Antone and Maria	Ferrer
16	Harold A Thomas	Ruel A and Augusta C	Caswell
17	Dalton L Penniman	William O and Ellen F	Tribou
19	Cornelius R O'Hara	Stephen and Catharine	Murphy
20	Eleanor Agnes Grant	Patrick A and Catharine A	Casey
21	Mabel F Rudolph	Charles J and Catharine A	Banner
25	Julian Tobey Leonard	Charles M and Elizabeth T	Tobey
25	Minnie E Westgate	Edward S and Susan B	Clark
25	Edna L Millard	Cornelius S and Lucretia	Kelton
30	Mariangiola Lepore	Antonio and Pasqualina	Filadoro
July 1	Jesse C Perkins	Frank and Ellen S	Reed
1	Elms Gorman Allan	Bert J and Robina	Marey
8	Eliza M D'Moranville	George M and Mabel E	Parry
8	Edward J Morris	Edward and Rachel H	Warford
9	Timothy Sullivan	Timothy and Margaret	Sullivan
12	Agnes W Kilgore	Richard and Delia	Divine
14	Waldo S Thomas	Alfred E and Rose	Eastman
15	May Faulkner	George and Jane	Dunn
19	Minnie Davis	C Franklin and Ella F	White
18	Edward A Ramsey	Peter M and Laura L	Jackson
20	Alice Davie Savery	Truman C and Evelyn R L	Holland
24	Martha White Keith	Percy W and Laura H	White
27	Wendell H Pratt	Elton L and Cynthia W	Porter
29	Kendrick H Washbu'n	Nathan and Etta F	Mendall
29	Eva May Beneway	Joseph and Susan	Trackey
Aug 3	Ella Fickett	Robert and Emma	Rudolph
4	Ruth A Morrison	John and Ellen	Boardman
6	Helen N Anderson	Nicholas and Hulda	Bodlund
16	———Bettencort	Mariano A and Anna E	Parry
19	Elizabeth E Readon	John and Annie	Carrigan
17	Madeline S Smith	Orrin R and Minnie C	Copeland
20	Ernest Bradford	Charles A and Emma	Canavah
29	Ruth Waterman Ellis	Harrison B and Rhoda S	Waterman

BIRTHS.—*Continued.*

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents	Maiden Name
Aug 29	Alice W Keyes	William F and Lydia F	Washburn
Sept 2	Clifton Linwood Hall	Jonathan L and Lettie S	Pinkham
6	Norman B Lightford	Herbert H and Carrie M	Bennett
8	Rex White	Wendell H and Anna	Childs
13	Adricon Boullion	Peter and Amanda	Boullion
15	Millard H Schlueter	Henry B and Jennie A	Tripp
15	Annie L Cronin	Andrew Jr and Mary	Lynch
18	Alice Rachel Howe	John E and Alice C	Phinney
23	Eva Adeline Shaw	Willard H and Alberetta F	Perry
25	Thomas F Hyland	James P and Lena	Marsh
28	Joseph Bouche	Calix and Marie L	Ferux
29	Vinie Marie Lamont	Lucius M and Nellie M	Turner
Oct 2	Frank Rausen	Oloff and Louise	Fagerbberg
4	Ralph Campbell	Robert and Elizabeth	Hopkins
5	Beth Chapman	David H and Carrie S	Stickney
9	Elliot H Perkins	Ernest I and Edith A	Reed
10	James H Houlihan	David and Delia	Higgins
13	Rose May Jefferson	Alton F and Minnie	Carter
15	James E Houlihan	James and Alice	Flynn
21	Minnie F Young	Eli J and Lizzie	Conley
21	George E Norris	John G and Margaret	Mullens
23	Bernard Sears Howe	John W and Elizabeth C	Crowell
26	Marion H Thomas	Harvey C and Lizzie M	Hallett
30	Joseph Canavan	Joseph and Mary	Shea
Nov 4	— Felch	John and Lottie	LeBaron
6	Charles Herbert Hall	Fred P and Emily A	Hunt
6	John Joseph Delores	John and Athenia	Jenure
8	Oscar Hart	Adoef and Mary E	Gorham
13	Leslie L Dunham	Charles B and Annie E	Westgate
14	Lillian Frances Sweet	Louis I and Mary J	Gault
28	Eleanor B Monroe	Arthur B and Emily M	Bailey
Dec 3	Marian Rose	Manuel G and Eregasi	Marrier
4	Howard Walden Ellis	Thomas L and Hattie C	Wilbur
4	Margaret R Mullens	John and Mary T	Houlihan
2	Elizabeth Willet	Reuel and Esther	Royer
5	Gabriellio A Bonney	George E and Susan F	Raymond
7	George H Lamay	Charles and Delfind	Martin
8	Alice Boutine	Adelard and Atavia	Grigoie
17	Mary Kiley	James and Mary	Ryan
20	Arlon R Dustin	Arlon R and Mary E	Bisbee
21	— Keedwell	George H and Anna	Banwell
26	Francis O'Mahoney	John and Mary	Barry
28	Anna Morrison	Angus and Anna	McDermitt

DEATHS REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1893.

Date	Name	Age			Disease
		Y	M	D	
Jan 1	Jacob B Shaw	72	6	8	Heart disease
1	Sumner Perkins		2		Accidental suffocation
5	Margaret J Driscoll	17	11	5	Phthisis
9	Ella L Dunham	4		9	Scarlet fever
15	James Howe	63			Organic brain disease
18	Mrs Eliza F Mitchell	46	7		Dropsy
20	Eustice Peneau	22	9	25	Railroad accident
22	Reland F Barrows	54	7	26	Organic heart disease
23	Sarah J Sturtevant	20	2	17	Typhoid pneumonia
Feb 8	Mrs Catharine K Haley	37	5	12	Consumption
9	Lucy Maud Conant		7	1	Basilar meningitis
10	Venus Snow	77	4	16	Malignant jaundice
18	Mrs Mary H O'Donnell	67			Heart disease
21	Mrs Matilda E Harrington	30	5	21	Puerpural convulsions
22	Willard Clark	81	6	17	Chronic Bright's disease
23	Mrs Harriet Eaton	81	1	13	Dropsy
24	Mrs Mary Ratigan	67			Cirrhosis
Mar 9	Henry Galligan	62			Asthma
15	Mrs Alma May Johnson	27	9	15	Puerpural fever
18	A Horace Poole	40	9	8	Bronchial fever
19	Mrs Waitstill L West	28			Abortion
21	Mrs Hannah L Eaton	67	6	25	Pneumonia
23	Mrs Mary H Thompson	80	11		Old age
24	Erastus M Lincoln	66			Heart trouble [tis
Apr 4	Mrs Joann L Eaton	78	11	15	Chronic tuberculus hepatis
5	Zenas C Phinney	79		24	Old age
8	Andrew A J Bisbee	58	1	7	Heart disease
15	Edson Ellis	84	7	25	Senile debility
18	Myrtle Berry		1	18	Inflammation of lungs
18	Charles M Wilde	64	2	12	Septicæmia
19	May F Hines			31	Infantile
21	Benjamin Shurtleff	81	5	25	Congestion of lungs
24	Sarah C Benson	87	6	19	Old age
29	Hosea Carpenter	90	11		Heart failure
30	James S Holmes	83		7	Cerebral softening
May 4	Mrs Nancy B Penniman	20	3	11	Heart failure
6	Bernard McCourt	45			Diabetes mellitus
13	— Chase			5	Premature birth
14	Mrs Mary Abby Thompson	64	7	1	Lung disease, heart failure
14	George Shaw	88	3	16	Old age
19	Mrs Temperance P Shaw	82	11	5	Heart failure
22	Mrs Josephena H Hilvonski	87	2	17	Old age
23	— Raymond			17	Mal nutrition
26	Peter S Fagan	31	1	16	Inter-cranial hemorrhage
June 2	Samuel F Taylor	24	11	2	Acute mania
4	Martin McDonough	32	8		Pneumonia

DEATHS — *Continued.*

Date	Name	Age			Disease
		Y	M	D	
June 5	John C Vaughan	56		18	Tubercular meningitis
9	Mrs Charlotte A Pope	72	1	3	Suicide—hanging
9	Lydia Francis Cobb		10	20	Whooping cough
12	Mrs Amanda Wood	92	8	1	Old age
16	Bridget McCarthy	16		15	Consumption
18	Mrs Martha E Leonard	57	7	18	Apoplexy
19	Mrs Catherine M Ryder	81	10	14	Shock [trouble
23	Lydia A Hodges	69	1	16	Fracture of hip, and kidney
28	James H Weston	62	7		Tubercular disease
30	Mrs Almira H Bishop	76	11	22	
July 2	Mrs Sarah A Chace	68	5	15	Apoplexy
4	Frank Thornton	4			Membranous croup
4	Edith Thornton	6			“ “
12	Abbie R Hazelton		3	1	Bronchitis
12	Margaret M Galigan		4	2	Bronchial pneumonia
12	Mrs Abigail E Peirce	90	2	19	Old age
16	Martin Rounseville	83	1	16	Paralysis of brain
18	Mrs Hannah P Hackett	83	10	9	Old age
Aug 1	William H Brightman	78		4	Dropsy of heart
2	Lucy B Cudworth	1	2	8	Cholera infantum
2	William G Slesser	3	7	19	Cholera morbus
3	Joseph Fegred		6		Gastric inflammation
15	Harold B Bates		9	12	Cholera infantum
20	John T Canavan		10		“ “
24	Lillia M Dunham		4	10	“ “
25	Charles E Tinkham		6		“ “
26	Katharine George		7	11	“ “
Sept 1	Edward M Haley	82	11	22	Old age
3	Mrs Sarah Cunningham	44	3	27	Cancer
3	Mrs Joan B Harvey	83	10	5	Old age
4	Sylvester F Cobb	81	1	13	“
5	Mrs Lucina Peirce	75	3	4	Shock
13	Joseph Boulin			1	Infantile
23	Cummings Litchfield	77	10	8	Cerebral softening
22	Mrs Susan R Crosby	58	10	22	Scrofulosis of liver
22	Mary A Masser		2	4	Cholera infantum
24	Mrs Eliza G Thompson	80	9	19	Senile general paresis
27	Mrs Betsey B Keyes	82	7	17	Old age
29	Elizabeth Miller	82	7	6	“
29	Mrs Mary A Lovell	61	9	10	Cancer
29	Rosie Angies		4	22	Consumption
29	Mary Gleason	4	5	27	Scarlet fever
Oct 2	John R Marston	76	11		Pneumonia
4	Thomas S Churbuck	83	11	20	Catarrh of bladder
14	Henry D Leonard	67	6	8	Bright's disease
16	Mrs Mary A Thomas	75	10	23	Cancer of intestines

DEATHS— *Continued.*

Date	Name	Age			Disease
		Y	M	D	
Oct 18	Luther P Bowen	53	4	24	Cirrhosis of liver
21	Israel S Bishop	82		28	Inflammation of bladder
20	Ida M Johnson	27	6	26	Typhoid fever
20	Katharine Devine	70			Consumption
20	Mrs Elizabeth F Sherman	52	4	11	Shock, fall, hystereotomy
22	Mrs Pauline Tripp	66	2	9	Jaundice
23	Edmund Thompson	82	4	7	Heart failure
Nov 6	—— Feltch			2	Infantile
9	Nancy Thomas	85	5	15	Pneumonia [failure
10	Mrs Keziah L White	74	7	3	Lesion of the brain & heart
23	Roy F Vaughan	2	6		Surg. opera'n for defective devel. of bones of head.
24	Mrs Sarah A Felker	41	10	3	Dropsy
27	Mrs Eliza A Wilbur	81	1	12	Old age
Dec 1	Eugene P LeBaron	44	10	15	Typhoid fever
2	Atwood Drew	82	6	17	Diabetis, mellitus
2	William Lester Phinney	21	9	27	Typhoid fever
4	Benjamin Gregson	60			Accident by falling tree
14	Clifton H Gammons	14	7	24	Shock
15	Mrs Belle Jennings	31	6	26	Brain fever
22	John L W Caswell	55			Consumption
28	Mrs Amelia Rudolph	50	6	22	Pneumonia

SUMMARY.

The following are the statistics of Marriages, Births and Deaths, registered in Middleborough for the year 1893:

MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages registered					73
Oldest groom	68	Oldest bride		52	
Youngest groom	18	Youngest bride		17	
First marriage of	123	persons	males	57	females 66
Second	"	21	"	"	14
Third	"	2	"	"	2

146 73 couples

BIRTHS.

Number of births registered				144
Males	67	Females		77

DEATHS.

Number of deaths registered				119
Males	53	Females		66

AGES.

Stillborn	6	Under one year		19
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Between 1 and 5 years	6	Between 5 and 10 years	1
" 10 " 20 "	3	" 20 " 30 "	8
" 30 " 40 "	5	" 40 " 50 "	6
" 50 " 60 "	9	" 60 " 70 "	15
" 70 " 80 "	13	" 80 " 90 "	25
" 90 " 100 "	3		

DOGS.

Whole number of dogs licensed in 1893	467
Males 437	Females 30

C. T. THATCHER,

Town Clerk.

VOTE OF MIDDLEBOROUGH,

NOVEMBER 7, 1893.

For Governor.

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
Louis Albert Banks, of Hyde Park .	1	63	64
George A. Cary, of Lynn . . .	2	19	21
Frederic T. Greenhalge, of Lowell .	52	651	703
Patrick F. O'Neil, of Boston . .		5	5
John E. Russell, of Leicester . .	15	344	359

Lieutenant Governor.

James B. Carroll, of Springfield . .	13	321	334
Joseph K. Harris, of Haverhill . .	2	22	24
Morris E. Ruther, of Holyoke . .		5	5
Henry C. Smith, of Williamsburg . .	1	67	68
Roger Wolcott, of Boston	54	635	689

Secretary of State.

James W. McDonald, of Marlborough .	13	304	317
Frederic A. Nagler, of West Springfield .		6	6
William M. Olin, of Boston	55	617	672
Samuel B. Shapleigh, of Boston . . .		66	66
Isaac W. Skinner, of Waltham . . .	1	19	20

Treasurer and Receiver General.

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
Wilbert D. Farnham, Jr., of Somerville	1	63	64
Henry M. Phillips, of Springfield .	55	621	676
Squire E. Putney, of Somerville .		4	4
Eben S. Stevens, of Dudley . .	11	304	315
Thomas A. Watson, of Braintree .	1	22	23

Auditor.

Alfred H. Evans, of Ashburnham .		67	67
Bordman Hall, of Boston . . .	13	304	317
John W. Kimball, of Fitchburg . .	54	605	659
Herman J. Koepke, of Pittsfield .		2	2
Maurice W. Landers, of Pittsfield .	1	17	18

Attorney General.

Hosea M. Knowlton, of New Bedford	55	598	653
Charles S. Lilley, of Lowell . .	13	309	322
Daniel Lynch, of Boston . . .		2	2
Robert F. Raymond, of New Bedford	1	72	73
Conrad Reno, of Boston . . .	1	19	20

Councillor, 1st District.

Ziba C. Keith, of Brockton . .	53	635	688
George H. Palmer, of Fairhaven .	14	317	331

Register of Probate and Insolvency.

William F. Kane, of Brockton . .	13	289	302
George W. Severance, of Hanson .	1	73	74
John C. Sullivan, of Middleborough .	55	618	673

County Commissioner.

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
Israel H. Hatch, of Marshfield . . .	2	75	77
Henry B. Packard, of Brockton . . .	12	310	322
William Rankin, of Brockton . . .	54	597	651

Senator, 2d Plymouth District.

Carlton S. Beals, of Brockton . . .	16	308	324
Calvin D. Kingman, of Middleborough . . .	3	105	108
Hiram A. Monk, of Brockton . . .	48	565	613

Representative in General Court, Eighth Plymouth District.

Alvin C. Howes, of Middleborough . . .	1	81	82
Earl E. Rider, of Middleborough . . .	13	363	376
George L. Soule, of Middleborough . . .	55	615	670

On the question, "Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution relative to the Payment of Mileage to Members of the General Court be approved and ratified?"

Yes	18	313	331
No	21	204	225
Whole number of votes cast in . . .	72	1104	1176

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH
FOR THE
YEAR 1893.



MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.:
MIDDLEBORO GAZETTE OFFICE.

1894.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Term expires 1894.

ARTHUR B. ALDEN.

GEORGE E. WOOD.

Term expires 1895.

JOHN C. SULLIVAN.

AUGUSTUS H. SOULE.

Term expires 1896.

AUGUSTUS PRATT.

ADELINE V. WOOD.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

JOHN C. SULLIVAN, Chairman.

ASHER J. JACOBY, Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

ASHER J. JACOBY.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On Teachers: Mrs. WOOD and Messrs. SULLIVAN and ALDEN.

On Supplies: Messrs. ALDEN, WOOD, and SULLIVAN.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

Schools Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, and 17, Superintendent.

Schools Nos. 3, 4, and 19, Mrs. WOOD.

Schools Nos. 8, 16, and School Street, Mr. ALDEN.

Schools Nos. 20, 21, and 22, Mr. PRATT.

Schools Nos. 1, 2, and 6, Mr. SOULE.

Schools No. 14, and Union Street, Mr. WOOD.

High School, Mr. SULLIVAN.

Office of Superintendent of Schools, Room 7, Town House.

Office Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 4 to 5 P. M.
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 to 9 A. M.

The regular meetings of the Committee are held on the first Thursday of each month at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Middleborough:

The following Financial Report is respectfully submitted by your Committee:—

There has been expended for—

INCIDENTALS.

B. F. Sherman,	\$1 50
J. B. Lamb,	114 65
James A. Burgess,	26 50
George F. Sisson,	50
Mrs. Blei,	2 00
George B. Lee,	7 90
Addison C. Getchell,	16 00
Middleborough Gas & Elec. Light Co.,	2 75
L. O. Tillson,	1 00
B. F. Caswell,	8 16
Lloyd Perkins,	21 13
Mrs. A. V. Wood,	50 00
J. C. McAllister,	4 00
Henry C. Pickins,	55 00
George H. Wilbur,	23 90
F. A. Nants,	23 96
Mrs. Jane H. Caswell,	4 65
Lucinda M. Phinney,	35 70

H. G. Porter,	\$2 40
E. C. Holloway,	80
Eugene J. Keith,	68 81
A. J. Wood,	32 63
James F. Dowsing,	12 88
Myra L. Atwood,	50
H. L. Thatcher,	58 51
New York and Boston Dispatch	
Express Co.,	10 60
A. P. Vaughan,	320 80
Everett Lincoln,	10 00
T. W. Pierce,	36 92
Samuel S. Lovell,	428 21
M. Josephine Hodgdon,	1 13
Home Library Association,	14 88
James M. Coombs,	5 25
E. H. Blake,	50
J. S. Cuzner,	2 50
George L. Soule,	20 10
A. G. Hayes,	5 70
T. Washburne,	3 90
H. K. Ellis,	2 00
J. & G. E. Doane,	121 22
Walter Sampson,	7 80
H. C. Kendall,	1 40
H. E. Smith,	2 50
C. W. Drake,	24 84
F. W. Hayden,	4 85
R. I. Nourse,	2 45
T. G. Ford,	90

W. B. Wood,	\$62 93
John Hammond,	90
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TRANSPORTATION TO HIGH SCHOOL.

Hattie M. Chase,	\$16 80
Etta F. Shaw,	22 31
Stella F. Thomas,	20 45
Emily A. Fuller,	13 38
Nellie C. Benson,	22 31
Jennie G. Shurtleff,	22 31
Annie B. Gifford,	10 16
Laura A. Atwood,	33 86
Helen S. Maxim,	16 94
Lizzie Wade,	16 94
Clarence L. Cushman,	16 94
Clifford T. Westgate,	16 94
George Coffin,	9 90
Chester M. Pratt,	9 27
Rosa Allen,	4 65
Florence Reed,	13 58
Nelson Frank,	3 39
Harry E. Bump,	4 50
Ethel G. Nichols,	4 23
Cora Carver,	3 60
George A. Deane,	7 40
Edith M. Thomas,	8 93
Herbert Davis,	6 16
Agnes Jenks,	6 16
	<hr/> \$311 11

TRANSPORTATION FROM DISTRICTS.

E. A. Hunt,	\$22 00
Wm. Thornton,	63 00
George F. Sisson,	92 00
D. N. Wetherbee,	283 50
Mrs. Eugene Blackwell,	139 10
A. R. Dunham,	221 50
H. G. Porter,	45 00
B. F. Sherman,	2 12
E. A. Shaw,	189 00
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	\$1,057 22

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Ginn & Co.,	\$3 90
J. L. Hammett,	91 04
John E. Potter & Co.,	250 50
Allyn & Bacon,	1 50
George S. Perry & Co.,	2 40
The Prang Educational Company,	9 24
American Book Company,	50 96
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	3 20
Boston School Supply Co.,	3 60
Carroll M. Clark & Co.,	2 50
George F. King & Merrill,	7 70
Enterprise Publishing Co.,	7 14
M. R. Warren,	10 85
Home Library Association,	13 94
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	37 40
Jones Brothers,	3 30

Lee & Shepard,	\$12 50	
E. L. Kellogg & Co., . . .	4 00	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	16 80	
H. L. Thatcher & Co., . . .	17 21	
Charles W. Severs,	80	
Central School Supply House, .	37 50	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, .	90 46	
Thorp & Martin Co.,	5 10	
The University of Chicago Press,	75	
	<hr/>	\$684 29

INSTRUCTION, FUEL, AND CARE OF SCHOOL- HOUSES.

High School (instruction), . .	\$2,627 30
School St. and Union St. Schools (instruction),	4,548 00
High School, School Street and Union Street buildings (janitors' salaries and fuel),	1,213 75
Pleasant Street,	361 85
Plymouth Street,	343 65
Soule,	196 95
Waterville,	333 25
Green,	371 30
Nemasket,	335 34
Thompsonville,	344 88
Thomastown,	344 35
South Middleborough,	341 33
Highland,	339 25

Rock,	\$375 75	
Fall Brook,	386 85	
Wappanucket,	357 55	
Neck,	128 25	
Purchase,	421 82	
Substitute teachers,	65 60	
	————	\$13,437 02

SUMMARY FOR 1893.

Appropriation,	\$17,000 00	
Balance on hand from tuition and other sources,	653 84	
	————	\$17,653 84
Expended for salaries, fuel, and care of school-houses,	14,570 35	
Expended for incidentals,	1,668 11	
“ “ text books, etc.,	684 29	
“ “ transportation to High school	311 11	
Expended for transportation from districts,	1,057 22	
	————	\$18,291 08

From the financial statement it will be seen that the amount appropriated last year, together with the balance on hand from tuition and other sources, was insufficient to meet the necessary requirements of the schools. This increase in expenditure is accounted for by the fact that there are a larger number of scholars to be educated, demanding more teachers to do the work and

a larger expenditure in improving and repairing school property. It has been the aim and purpose of your Committee to secure the best results obtainable with the means placed at their disposal. That the efficiency and value of the schools might not be impaired, the Committee have found it necessary to expend more money than was appropriated. That it may not be embarrassed in its efforts to place within the reach of every child and youth in town the best and most approved methods of securing a good common-school education, it confidently appeals to the citizens of the town for a still further increase of the sum to be appropriated for the support of schools. The opening of two new schools on the west side, requiring an additional number of teachers, makes this request imperative. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that \$19,000 be appropriated for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

Having approved the following report of the Superintendent, we respectfully ask your attention to the same.

JOHN C. SULLIVAN.
AUGUSTUS PRATT.
AUGUSTUS H. SOULE.
ADELINE V. WOOD.
ARTHUR B. ALDEN.
GEO. E. WOOD.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee:

I have the pleasure of submitting to you my first annual report of the schools of the town and the ninth of the series of annual reports of the Superintendent of Schools.

In entering upon the office of Superintendent, my first object was to make myself familiar with the duties and demands of my position, and the general condition and requirements of the schools. I was greatly aided in this work by your hearty co-operation and the cordiality with which I was received by the teachers, for all of which I am thankful.

Not entering upon my duties until near the opening of the fall term, there remained but four of the twelve months which this report is to cover. I do not think it wise or practicable, therefore, to present at this time a lengthy report of the condition of the schools.

The general statistics of the schools for the year 1893 are incorporated at this point.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Population of the town, 1890, (U. S. Census)	6,065
Number of children in the town (according to school census, May, 1893), between 5 and 15 years of age,	909
Number of children in the town (according to school census, May, 1893), between 8 and 14 years of age,	531

SCHOOLHOUSES.

Number of buildings occupied,	18
Number of buildings unoccupied,	2
Number of rooms occupied,	28
Number of rooms unoccupied,	2
Number of recitation rooms used,	5
Number of buildings heated by steam,	1
Number of buildings heated by hot air fur- naces,	2
Number of buildings heated by stoves,	15

SCHOOLS.

High school rooms,	4
Grammar school rooms, Grades 4-9,	6
Primary school rooms, Grades 1-3 (including Training school),	3
Ungraded schools,	15

TEACHERS.

Teachers in High school, men, . . .	1
Teachers in High school, women, . . .	3
Teachers in Grammar grades, men, . . .	1
Teachers in Grammar grades, women, . . .	6
Teachers in Primary grades, women, . . .	3
Teachers in Mixed grades, women, . . .	15

Whole number of teachers, . . .	29
Number of teachers employed who are graduates of a normal school or college, . . .	8
Number of teachers employed who have attended Middleborough Training school, . . .	9
Number of teachers employed who are graduates of Middleborough High school, . . .	8

PUPILS.

	1892.	1893.
Whole number of pupils enrolled, . . .	1072	1090
Average number of pupils belonging to schools,	842	853
Average daily attendance,	734	745
Percentage of daily attendance to average number belonging,	87.2	87.3
Number of half days' absence,	44612	41981
Number of cases of tardiness,	2633	2996
Number of cases of dismissal,	1752	1555
Number of cases of truancy,	20	32
Number of pupils under 5 years of age,		10
Number of pupils between 5 and 6 years of age,		88

Number of pupils between 6 and 7 years of age,	78
Number of pupils between 7 and 8 years of age,	94
Number of pupils between 8 and 9 years of age,	108
Number of pupils between 9 and 10 years of age,	86
Number of pupils between 10 and 11 years of age,	101
Number of pupils between 11 and 12 years of age,	88
Number of pupils between 12 and 13 years of age,	86
Number of pupils between 13 and 14 years of age,	109
Number of pupils between 14 and 15 years of age,	98
Number of pupils between 15 and 16 years of age,	64
Number of pupils over 16 years of age, .	84

FINANCIAL.

Total cost of the schools,	\$18,291 08
Cost per pupil on whole enrollment.	16 78
Cost per pupil on average number belonging,	21 44

The statistics taken as a whole show progress. Efforts should be made during the coming year to reduce the number of cases of tardiness,

The report on truancy by Mr. James A. Burgess, truant officer, is herewith transmitted. (Exhibit C.) It is full and explicit, and I respectfully call your attention to the same.

TEACHERS.

Twenty-nine teachers were employed during the year, an increase of three over the previous year. This number does not include the six students attending the Training school. The number reported for the year 1892 was thirty-four, which included eight students in the Training school.

I believe that one of the chief duties of a Superintendent is to improve the tone and strength of the teaching service. To do this effectively he must know the professional spirit and standing of his teachers.

Private talks, visitation of the schools, and teachers' meetings revealed the fact that most of the teachers were interested in their work, and that they were imbued with the spirit of progress.

In order to ascertain more fully the professional character of the teaching force, a circular was sent to each teacher in December, which among other subjects, inquired as follows:

- (a) Where were you educated?
- (b) What works on education have you read?
- (c) What educational papers do you subscribe for or read?

The circular was replied to by every teacher. The answers revealed many things that will be valuable to me in the future.

The following list contains the names of those teachers who resigned during the year and at its close:

Zilpha Chase,	High School.
Mabel B. Woodbury,	High School.
Millie A. Rhodehouse,	School Street School.
Julia M. Barry,	Union Street School.
Carrie E. Alden,	Union Street School.
Mary A. G. Livingstone,	Pleasant Street School.
Lillian B. Alden,	Green School.
Sarah O. Morse,	Thomastown School.
Ada D. Anthony,	South Middleborough School.
Helen J. Gibbs,	Rock School.
Mary W. Wentworth,	Highland School.
Jennie W. Lovell,	Fall Brook School.

All of the above changes but one occurred before the opening of the fall term, Miss Barry of the Training school resigning at the close of the year. Six of the vacancies were filled by young women who had been in the Training school.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

A schedule of regular meetings for all the teachers was issued in October. This provided for five meetings every school month; viz, a general meeting for all teachers, and special meetings for the teachers of each department. Although attendance at these meetings was required, I believe that the teachers attended cheerfully. In arranging programmes the needs of the schools and of the teachers were kept in mind. Such subjects as "Recess

and No Recess," "Examinations and Promotions," were discussed. Much interest was manifested in the meetings, and I believe that they have been a source of real help to the teachers. They will be continued next year.

PEDAGOGICAL CLUB.

All plans having for their object the elevation of the teachers and the general improvement of the schools, must have, to be most effective, the hearty co-operation of the teaching force.

The suggestion of a club having for its object the mutual improvement of its members along educational lines was favorably received. At a meeting held in the Superintendent's office in October, the Middleborough Pedagogical Club was organized. The Superintendent was made president, Miss Mary E. Frink of the School Street School, vice president, and Mr. John P. Arnold of the Main Street School, secretary and treasurer. Every teacher in the town is, if he or she so desires, a member of the club by virtue of his or her position. Other persons interested in education may become members by a vote of the club. It was decided to make a systematic study of Educational Psychology, and to use a text book as the basis supplementing it by collateral reading. James' Psychology, Briefer Course, was adopted. Meetings are held every Monday (school weeks) at 7 P. M. in the Superintendent's office. The club is in a flourishing condition.

TRAINING SCHOOL.

This school is now in its third year. It is hardly necessary to repeat that it has done good service. A number of young women who received their training here are now doing good work as teachers in our schools, while others are meeting with success elsewhere. I think that no one at the present day, engaged in the work of the public schools, can deny or ignore the importance of some special training for teachers. Our Training school exists for this very purpose. It enables the graduates of our own and other High schools to fit themselves to teach in the schools of this town. The question is not whether it shall be continued, but how it may be improved. Nearly all who have entered the school in the past were graduates of our High school or some other High school. I think the time has come when no one should be admitted who is not a graduate from our High school in any one of the four-years' courses, or a graduate from other institutions of equal or higher grade, or able to pass an entrance examination on the studies usually included in a four-years' High school course.

The course of study now includes instruction in School Management and Methods during the fall term, in Educational Psychology during the winter term, and in the History of Education during the spring term. In addition to this, students are required to observe, for several months daily, the teaching of the regular teacher. After such work in observation, they are required to teach a certain number of classes daily under the direction of the regular

teacher. It is hoped that arrangements can be made whereby Educational Psychology will run parallel with School Management and Methods during the fall and winter terms, and the History of Education with School Management and Methods during the spring term. This would greatly increase the work in the theory of teaching, without overtaxing the students. An additional grade for observation and practice should be added to the school next year.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The number of pupils enrolled in the High School during the year was 145, an increase of 11 over the previous year. 12.7 per cent. of all the pupils enrolled in the public schools were in the High School. From the Fifth-Sixth Annual Report of the Secretary of the State Board of Education we learn that the ratio of attendants upon the high schools to the whole school membership is 7.1 per cent. It is thus seen that we are 5.6 per cent. above the average, a fact which speaks well for the school and the people of the town. Better accommodations should be provided, as the school is now too large for the available room in the present building. A room in the basement was fitted up as a chemical laboratory. Although this room is not a very desirable one, it was the only one available. At the beginning of the fall term an additional teacher was employed. This made it possible to strengthen the work all along the line, and to add physical training to the course, and devote regular periods to drawing and music.

The annual graduating exercises were held in the Town Hall, Friday evening, June 30, before a very large and appreciative audience. The following was the order of exercises:

Order of Exercises.

Prayer,

Rev. Richard G. Woodbridge.

Oration — The Hawaiian Problem, Leonard Otis Tillson.

Recitation — The Cricket Fiddler, Charlotte E. Flagg.

Violoncello Solo — Le Reve, Mr. William Baylies.

Class History, Emily Ann Fuller.

Declamation — Duke Leopold's Stone, Chester M. Pratt.

Piano Solo — Spinning Song from Flying Dutchman,
Miss M. A. Overhiser.

Latin Declamation — Aeolus Raises a Tempest,
Lucy Pierce Burgess.

Recitation — A Medley, Laura W. Hermann.

Violin Solo — Air from Les Puritains with Variations,
Mr. George Burgess.

Essay — Power, Alice Bowker Carleton.

Recitation — Farmer and Wheel; or The New Lochinvar,
Arleen Hackett.

Trio — Piano, Violoncello, Violin,
Miss Overhiser, Mr. Baylies, Mr. Burgess.

Declamation — The Loss of a National Character,
Joseph H. Edwards.

Essay — The Value of a High School Education,
Miriam Hathaway.

Presentation of Diplomas,
J. C. Sullivan, Esq., Chairman School Committee.
Benediction.

CLASS OF '93.

Lucy Pierce Burgess.

Alice Bowker Carleton.

Emily Ann Fuller.

Miriam Hathaway.

Leonard Otis Tillson.

Class Motto — Look Up, Lift Up.

Class Color — Violet.

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

CHAPTER 332.

[ACTS OF 1885.]

AN ACT REQUIRING PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE TO BE TAUGHT
IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SECTION 1. Physiology and Hygiene, which, in both divisions of the subject, shall include special instruction as to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics on the human system, shall be taught as a regular branch of study to all pupils in all schools supported wholly or in part by public money, except special schools maintained solely for instruction in particular branches, such as drawing, mechanics, art, and like studies. All acts or parts of acts relating to the qualifications of teachers in the public schools shall apply to the branch of study prescribed in this act.

SECT. 2. All penalties now fixed for neglect to provide instruction in the branches of study now prescribed by law shall apply to the branch of study prescribed in section one.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of August in the year 1885.

It is thus seen that physiology and hygiene are required by law to be taught in the schools of the State. The subject should secure careful consideration from school officials and teachers, for right and faithful teaching in this line will undoubtedly be productive of much good. That there have been short comings in many cases and

partial failures in others, is admitted. A variety of causes has made this inevitable. Insufficient preparation and lack of earnestness and enthusiasm on the part of some teachers, together with insufficient time in which to teach the subject, and the need of a carefully graded and definite course of study with time and place given to it as to other branches and for each grade of pupils, have been causes of partial or total failures. In our schools the greatest need was a carefully graded and definite course of study. Realizing this as well as the good results that will surely come from judicious and timely instruction, a course of study was prepared during the latter part of the year which met with your approval. A copy of this course is herewith transmitted, and marked "Exhibit B."

PROMOTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS.

This question has evolved much thought and been productive of much discussion. The evidence on hand is abundant for profitable study and wise decision, while many of the arguments that have been advanced on different sides of the question are able and worthy of due consideration. The division of opinion is sharp, and, as a natural result, we expect to find a great diversity of practice. In this we are not disappointed. In some schools the fitness of pupils for promotion is still determined by the results of written examinations alone, the questions being usually prepared by the Superintendent. This method of promotion although almost universal in graded schools not many

years ago, is not so to-day. The serious evils attending it demanded such wide attention and so much unfavorable comment, that in many schools the plan has been abandoned or modified, and the fitness for promotion determined by the judgment of the teacher alone, or by the judgment of the teacher and the results of examinations combined. Those who have discarded examinations altogether say they are better off without them, while those who still retain them as one of the thorough and systematic means to determine the proficiency of pupils, seem to be equally well pleased.

From the results obtained under such a wide diversity of practice, we may learn much that is valuable to us in formulating a plan that will not be prolific of injury to the physical, mental, and moral natures of pupils, but naturally conducive to their proper growth and development.

It was found upon investigation that the subject required prompt attention in our schools, for the method of determining the fitness of pupils for promotion was not uniform. It was accordingly made a subject for special discussion at the regular meeting of all the teachers in November. At that meeting I presented a plan which was ably discussed by those present. The question was also discussed at other meetings. It was very evident that the teachers were opposed to the daily marking of pupils, and the marking in per cent. Examinations, however, called forth many different views. After spending more thought and labor on the subject, I am now able to present a plan for your consideration. Under this plan promotions in

the Elementary Schools, with the exception of the ninth grade, are not to be determined by formal examinations, but upon estimates indicating the teacher's best judgment of the fidelity and success with which the pupils have done assigned work, and their success in oral and writing tests that have been used as an element of teaching, and the answers to which have not been valued numerically. Several reasons led to this conclusion.

Believing that an examination should not be made an end in itself, but a means to an end, the practice of determining the fitness of pupils for promotion on the results of written examinations alone, is wrong and an injustice to the pupils, and cannot be opposed too strongly. Examinations do not always determine who is prepared to do successfully the work of the next grade. Frequently they do not test genuine work and power. Besides, they foster in the pupils nervousness, dishonesty, and other serious evils. The proposed plan, it is believed, will do away with these evils, and thus be beneficial to the pupils. But the plan will be beneficial to pupils in another way. It places upon the teachers a responsibility which ought to be an incentive for them to do their most skillful and conscientious work. But some may question the competency of teachers to express honestly and intelligently a judgment of the standing of pupils. Experience has taught me to believe that most teachers are competent. The person who is not able to do this should not be employed as a teacher of the young.

The promotion of pupils on the estimates or judgment

of teachers does not involve the exclusion of all examinations from school work. Teaching tests, both oral and written, are provided for under the proposed plan; for such tests are necessary and important parts of teaching and should by no means be neglected.

Such tests have uses for both teacher and pupil. To the teacher they reveal the points in which her work has been weak, the pupil's apprehension of the subject, his power to use intelligently what has been learned, and to some extent his comprehension of the subject. To the pupil they disclose, in the words of Dr. White, "his mistakes, misconceptions, and ignorance, and thus appeal to his innate desire for knowledge and mastery, arousing interest, increasing attention, and adding energy and persistence to his efforts." Such tests should not be given at stated intervals, but "need to accompany instruction in order that they may correct, vitalize, and otherwise improve it." Neither should they be reduced to per cents, for the object of the tests will be defeated by the effort to measure results mechanically. In the ninth grade the plan provides for an examination to be prepared by the Superintendent, the results of which are to be averaged with the weekly estimates made by the teachers. The pupils being older and sufficiently advanced in this grade, I believe that an examination is both justifiable and practicable. It also emphasizes the importance of entrance to the High school, and will equalize the standards of the different schools. Such examinations are also provided for the High school.

President Hyde of Bowdoin College in an address before the Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association at its meeting in Washington, D. C., March 6-8, 1889, said:—

“A pupil may get hold of what he learns in a variety of ways. The good he derives from study may be of various kinds. There are at least three distinct forms in which he may possess that which he has learned; apprehension, application, and comprehension.

“The first, apprehension, simply lays hold of the lessons as presented by book or teacher, and carries them in that precise form in the memory. The second, application, consists in the power to use what has been learned, in forming new combinations, solving new problems, and dealing with new cases. The third, comprehension, grasps the meaning of the subjects as a whole, distinguishes the main features from the subordinate details, and sees the subject in its broad relations to other domains of truth and life.

“Since knowledge may take these three distinct forms, examination, which is to exhibit broadly and fairly the pupil’s attainments, should call for the display of knowledge in each of these three forms.”

The proposed plan does away with the pernicious practice of the daily marking of pupils, which dissipates energy and wastes precious time. The minds of the pupils are more apt to be on the marks they are likely to receive, and the minds of the teachers on the marks they ought to give. Both pupil and teacher are thus

prevented from giving their full attention to the subject in hand, and the effectiveness of the instruction is much impaired. I believe it to be true that the more attention that is given to marking the less will be given to teaching. Dr. Edward Brooks, Superintendent of Schools, Philadelphia, Pa., makes a true and strong protest against the daily marking of pupils in the following language:

“I know of nothing that is so well adapted to destroy the effectiveness of instruction, as for a teacher to stand with pen or pencil in hand ready to put down a mark opposite to a pupil’s name the moment he has answered a question or finished a recitation. To train a pupil to recite for a recitation mark, is to give him an absolutely wrong idea of education, and tends to destroy his taste for study and knowledge.”

The plan also provides that the Superintendent or principal shall as frequently as either may deem necessary, make written or oral tests of the pupil’s work, the estimates of the tests to be combined with the weekly estimates when the Superintendent shall so direct. Such tests are very important and should partake very largely of the nature of teaching examinations. Their true scope is thus clearly and forcibly defined by Dr. Emerson E. White, an educator of National standing, in a monograph on “Promotions and Examinations in Graded Schools,” issued as a circular of information by the United States Bureau of Education:

“The purpose of the teaching examination when con-

ducted by the Superintendent or principal, as head teacher, is to ascertain the scope and character of the teacher's work, the proficiency of the pupils as a class, and this to the end that improvement in teaching and study may be suggested and secured. The Superintendent is not specially concerned in the comparative success of individual pupils, whether John Smith stands at the head or the foot of his class, but whether the pupils, as a class, have been properly taught and have made reasonable progress. It is his special duty to see that the instruction in each grade properly covers the assigned course as a preparation for the studies of the next higher grade; whether the methods employed have been such as to afford right training, and what changes are desirable and feasible."

The plan provides for special promotions, besides the regular promotions which shall be made in all the schools on a day designated by the Superintendent. No pupil who is specially proficient and who seems to be able to do the work of a higher grade is to be kept back waiting for his duller classmates. Teachers should pay special attention to pupils who have been held in one grade longer than one year, and recommend them for promotion as soon as they seem able to do the work of the next grade.

I have spoken at some length on this subject, because of its great importance, and trust that the plan will meet with your approval, and be given a fair trial during the coming year.

In concluding this my first report, I desire to express

my sincere thanks to the School Committee, teachers, patrons and friends of the schools, for their kind and generous support given to me in the performance of my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

ASHER J. JACOBY,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

EXHIBIT A.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE SCHOOLS

1893.

SCHOOLS.	ROOMS.	TEACHERS.	Grades.	Number Registered.	Average Membership.	Average Daily Attendance.	Per Cent of Attendance.
High . . .		Walter Sampson, Principal Annie M. Greene, M. Josephine Hodgdon, F. Gertrude Coolidge,		145	102	96	94
Main St. . .	4	John P. Arnold,	IX.	52	50	46	92
	3	Annie A. Lovell,	VIII.	45	43	39	91
	2	Jennie Bennett,	VII.	48	44	40	91
	1	Nellie M. Bennett,	VI.	41	38	35	92
School St. . .	3	Mary E. Frink, Lillian M. Thomas, Ass't.,	V-VI.	77	66	59	89
	2	H. Gertrude Holmes,	IV-V.	54	44	39	88
	1	M. Evelyn Holloway,	III.	55	46	40	87
Union St. . .	2	Julia M. Barry,	II.	72	65	56	86
	1	Eleanor A. Barden,	I.	66	49	40	81
Pleasant St. }		E. Francis Dunham,	Un-graded.	30	17	13	81
Plymouth St.		Clara W. Eaton,	"	23	18	16	88
Soule . . .		Carrie E. Soule,	"	13	11	10	90
Waterville .		Florence L. Jefferson,	"	47	24	19	79
Green . . .		Florence E. Thompson,	"	36	31	24	80
Nemasket . .		Emma N. Phinney,	"	34	26	21	81
Thompsonville		Mary E. Deane,	"	23	18	17	90
Thomastown		Eva M. Hopkins,	"	32	26	21	80
So. Middleboro		Nellie T. Alden,	"	32	22	19	88
Highland . .		Cora E. Hall,	"	12	9	7	81
Rock . . .		Myra L. Atwood,	"	43	32	25	78
Fall Brook .		May H. Sears,	"	32	20	17	88
Wappanucket		A. Belle Tenny,	"	24	16	13	81
Neck . . .		Ada C. Fisher,	"	16	10	9	81
Purchase . .		Lucia A. Drake,	"	38	26	22	85

EXHIBIT B.

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.,

Office of Superintendent of Schools,

NOVEMBER 2, 1893.

The following is the approved course of study in physiology and hygiene:—

PRIMARY GRADES.

First Grade.—“Child’s Book of Health” in hands of teacher for oral instruction. Facts drawn from Chapters I to XIII.

Second Grade.—“Child’s Book of Health” in hands of teacher for oral instruction. Facts drawn from Chapters XIII to XXIX.

Third Grade.—“Child’s Book of Health” in hands of teacher for oral instruction. Facts drawn from Chapters XXIX to XLIV, inclusive.

GRAMMAR GRADES.

Fourth Grade.—“Child’s Book of Health” in hands of pupils. The whole book.

Fifth Grade.—“How to Keep Well” in hands of pupils. Chapters I to VII.

Sixth Grade.—“How to Keep Well” in hands of pupils. The book completed.

Seventh Grade.—“Our Bodies and How We Live” in hands of pupils. Chapters I to VIII.

Eighth Grade.—“Our Bodies and How We Live” in hands of pupils. Chapters VIII to XII. Review.

Ninth Grade.—“Our Bodies and How We Live” in hands of pupils. The book completed.

The subject is to be pursued during the fall term (sixteen weeks) of each year, three lessons a week. Length of recitations above third grade not less than twenty minutes. As thorough examinations or tests are to be given in this study as in other branches, and the same marking system is to be used, and such marks are to be entered into the general average which decides the fitness of the pupil for promotion. During the remainder of the year the teacher is to give such incidental instruction on hygiene as occasion may demand, and is to exercise the greatest care that the pupils live up to the knowledge gained by a judicious study of this important branch. Whatever is taught should be so taught that it will lead to further study and to the observance of hygienic laws in daily practice. The teacher who allows her pupils to sit in drafts, and to take all kinds of improper postures in sitting, standing, and walking, who neglects the ventilation of the room and the arrangement of light, and who is herself a living example of the consequences of an habitual disregard of hygienic laws, will teach physiology to little purpose.

It is believed that the above requirements are both fair and just, that they are in accord with the recom-

mendations of the National and International Department of Scientific Instruction of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and eminent educators, and that they represent the letter of the legislation requiring the teaching of temperance physiology and hygiene in the schools of the State.

ASHER J. JACOBY,
Superintendent.

EXHIBIT C.

REPORT OF THE TRUANT OFFICER.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.,

JAN. 27, 1894.

To A. J. Jacoby, Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my report for the year just closed. There has been on the whole a better attendance of the children in the past year than any previous year, and there has been a more determined disposition on the part of some parents that their children should not go to school if they could help it.

The Neck District, which has been a source of much labor and expense for the past year, has been partially remedied by the opening of a school in that district. Yet the children of some families attend with great reluctance.

The families that live in school districts where the schools have been discontinued are not willing to have their children even walk or ride to another district, but would rather have them play or go gunning, or anything else than go to school. In the village, the scholars who do not attend school are probably from families that come from towns where the school law is not enforced, and seem surprised when told that the law requires their children to attend school; but these families are largely "birds of passage," here a while and then somewhere else, and it is difficult to determine how much of the

irregular attendance is due to truancy, and how much to the permission of the parents. Parents, who do not seem alive to the importance of having their children obtain a better education than they themselves have, will, for some very slight reason, yield to some slight wishes to absent themselves from the schoolroom. To illustrate:— I went to see why the children of a certain family were not in school; they were all at home, and for what? The mother was going to a dance that night and could not get them ready. One more illustration: I went to see a parent whose children were not in school. They were kept out on account of a bad cold; but I found them at play in the mud, and some of them bareheaded at that. “They could not come,” said the mother, “for fear of taking more cold.” In all the families where the children have been in need of proper clothing, I have endeavored to supply the lack.

The manufacturers, the past year, have been very careful not to let children go to work without a permit; but if any have done so, they have very quickly stopped them, until the required papers were made out. While I am satisfied in my own mind, that we have, in some cases, what might be called an habitual case of truancy, we, as a town, have never accepted the provisions of that act, which the law requires us to do, so that we could legally place a child in the truant school in Walpole, and I should recommend that an article be drawn, and be placed in our Town Warrant this spring, so that some of our worst cases may be settled by the court. I think

it would prove a benefit, if an example could be made.

JAMES A. BURGESS,

Truant Officer.

APPENDIX.

LIST OF TEACHERS,

Jan. 1, 1894.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Main Street, near Town House.

Walter Sampson, Principal, 15 Pierce Street.

Anna M. Green, 61 Pearl Street.

M. Josephine Hodgdon, 61 Pearl Street.

F. Gertrude Coolidge, 26 Main Street.

MAIN STREET GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

High School Building.

ROOM.		GRADE.	
4.	John P. Arnold,	IX.	91 Oak Street.
3.	Annie A. Lovell,	VIII.	12 High Street.
2.	Jennie Bennett,	VII.	23 Pierce Street.
1.	Nellie M. Bennett,	VI.	23 Pierce Street.

SCHOOL STREET PRIMARY AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

School Street, near Centre.

ROOM.		GRADE.	
3.	Mary E. Frink,	V-VI.	60 Oak Street.
	Lillian M. Thomas, Assistant,		8 Court End Avenue.
2.	H. Gertrude Holmes,	IV-V.	26 Main Street.
1.	M. Evelyn Holloway,	III.	School Street.

UNION STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

(Normal Training School.)

Union Street, near Centre.

ROOM.		GRADE.	
2.	Laura J. Blaisdell,	II.	21 High Street.
1.	Eleanor A. Barden,	I.	9 Myrtle Street.

UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

Pleasant Street, E. Francis Dunham, North Middleborough.

Plymouth Street, Clara W. Eaton, North Middleborough.
Soule, Carrie E. Soule, Eddyville.

Waterville, Florence L. Jefferson, 14 Court End Avenue, Middleborough.

Green, Florence E. Thompson, 61 Pearl Street, Middleborough.

Nemasket, Emma A. Phinney, 24 Pearl Street, Middleborough.

Thompsonville, Mary E. Deane, Middleborough.

Thomastown, Eva M. Hopkins, Box 615, Middleborough.

South Middleborough, Nellie T. Alden, South Middleborough.

Highland, Cora E. Hall, South Middleborough.

Rock, Myra L. Atwood, Rock.

Fall Brook, A. Belle Tenny, Middleborough.

Wappanucket, May H. Sears, Middleborough.

Neck, Ada C. Fisher, Rock.

Purchade, Lucia A. Drake, Middleborough.

MIDDLEBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

PROMOTION OF PUPILS.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.,

Office of Superintendent of Schools,

January 27, 1894.

Beginning with the month of February, 1894, the promotion of pupils in the Elementary Schools will be governed by the following regulations:—

1. There shall be no daily marking of pupils in the Elementary Schools except for attendance, and in all of the grades of these schools, excepting the ninth grade, there shall be no stated or previously announced examinations or tests of their proficiency.

2. It shall be the duty of each teacher to make and record, at the end of each week, upon blanks provided for the purpose, a careful estimate of the work of each of his or her pupils in such branches of study as may be prescribed. This estimate shall be based upon the fidelity and success with which the pupils have done assigned work, and also upon their success in oral and writing tests which have been employed as an element of teaching, and the answers to which have not been valued numerically. The estimate shall be designated by either of the letters E., G., F., P., and V. P., standing for the words *excellent*, *good*, *fair*, *poor*, and *very poor*.

3. The Superintendent or principal shall, as frequently as either may deem necessary, make written or oral tests of the pupils' work. Such tests shall not take the form

of stated examinations except as hereinafter provided for. The estimates of these tests shall be combined with the estimates prescribed above, whenever the Superintendent shall so direct.

4. In all grades below the ninth grade, the pupil whose weekly marks average excellent, good, or fair, shall be promoted.

5. Pupils, whose weekly marks average poor or very poor, may, upon the written request of the parent or guardian, try a written examination to be prepared by the Superintendent, and held during the last two weeks of school in June. If at such examination the pupil's average is excellent, good, or fair, he or she shall be promoted. No pupil shall be kept in the same grade more than two years, without the approval of the Superintendent, to whom all the facts in the case have to be reported.

6. Promotions from the ninth grade, or graduation from the Elementary Schools, shall be determined by an examination prepared by the Superintendent, and held during the last two weeks of school in June. The result of this examination shall be averaged with the estimate of the standing of pupils as provided for in a previous paragraph. Pupils receiving an average of excellent, good, or fair, shall be presented with certificates of graduation. The papers of all pupils, after they have been examined and estimates made and recorded, shall be sent to the Superintendent's office for consideration.

7. Graduates of the Elementary Schools shall be ad-

mitted to the High School upon their certificates of graduation. For all others, whether previously connected with the Middleborough schools or not, a High School entrance examination shall be held prior to the opening of the schools in September. Persons receiving an average of excellent, good, or fair, at said examination, shall be admitted to the first-year class in the High School.

8. Promotions shall be made in all the schools on a day designated by the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall notify each teacher at least two weeks in advance of the date fixed.

9. Pupils who are specially proficient and who seem to be able to do the work of the next grade, may, with the approval of the Superintendent, be promoted on trial at any time during the year.

10. The principal of the High School may, with the approval of the Superintendent, return to the grammar schools any pupils who are found to be unprepared for High School work.

11. At the end of each month (four weeks), a report of the record of each pupil in attendance, scholarship, and conduct, shall be made to the parent or guardian of such pupil on a card provided for that purpose. The average of the weekly estimates shall constitute the mark in scholarship. The conduct shall be marked according to the general behavior.

(Adopted by the School Committee, Jan. 26, 1894.)

ASHER J. JACOBY,

Superintendent.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

1894.

January 8, Monday, Winter Term (twelve weeks) begins.

March 30, Friday, Winter Term ends.

Vacation, one week.

April 9, Monday, Spring Term (twelve weeks) begins.

June 29, Friday, Spring Term ends.

Vacation, nine weeks.

September 4, Tuesday, Fall Term (sixteen weeks) begins.

December 21, Friday, Fall Term ends.

Vacation, two weeks.

HOLIDAYS.

Every Saturday; Washington's Birthday; Memorial Day; Labor Day; all National and State Fast Days.

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT
FOR THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, 1894
AT 9 O'CLOCK A. M.
TO BE HELD IN THE
TOWN HALL, MONDAY, MARCH 5th.

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers; the following officers to be voted for on one ballot; viz.: One Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, thirteen Constables, three Fish Wardens, one Auditor, three Fence Viewers, all for one year each; one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, two members of the School Committee, and three Trustees of the Public Library, all for three years each. The polls for the election of these officers will be open at half-past eleven o'clock A. M., and will not be closed before half-past three o'clock P. M.

ART. 3. To vote by ballot, "Yes" or "No," in answer

to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 4. To raise such sums of money by tax or otherwise, as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year, appropriate the same, and to act anything in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes for the year.

ART. 5. To see what action the town will take in relation to hiring money in anticipation of taxes the present year, or for any other purpose.

ART. 6. To hear the reports of any of the officers or committees of the town, and act thereon.

ART. 7. To allow accounts against the town, or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote that the yards of persons chosen Field Drivers shall be town pounds so long as they remain in office, provided they shall be chosen pound-keepers.

ART. 9. To dispose of the money received for "dog licenses," and all other licenses the present year, and act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the town will pay the expense of a Night Watch in the Four Corners village, and act thereon.

ART. 11. To see if the town will appropriate any money to be expended by Post 8, G. A. R., on Memorial Day, and act thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the town will pay their School Committee for their services the ensuing year, and act thereon.

ART. 13. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as reported by the Selectmen, and act thereon.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to further extend its system of sewers, and act thereon.

ART. 15. To take action in relation to the taking of fish in the ponds leased by the Fish Commissioners to the towns of Middleboro', Lakeville, Rochester and Freetown.

ART. 16. To see if the town will take any action as to the preparation and publication of a History of the town of Middleborough, make any appropriations for the same, or act anything in relation thereto.

ART. 17. To see if the town will accept and confirm the action of the Selectmen in disposing of a strip of land from the town farm to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co. and authorize the conveyance of the same to said corporation, and act anything thereon.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to dispose of its right to take alewives the present year, or for a term of years, and act in relation thereto.

ART. 19. To see if the town will continue to rent its rooms for the use of Banks and District Court, determine the price of same, and act in relation thereto.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN · OFFICERS
OF
MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.,
FOR THE
YEAR 1894.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.:
MIDDLEBORO GAZETTE OFFICE.
1895.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1894.

Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector.

AUGUSTUS M. BEARSE.

Selectmen and Assessors.

ALBERT T. SAVERY	Term expires 1896
EDWIN F. WITHAM	" " 1895
CHARLES W. KINGMAN	" " 1897

Overseers of the Poor.

SYLVANUS MENDALL	Term expires 1897
ANDREW C. WOOD	" " 1895
CHARLES T. THATCHER	" " 1896

School Committee.

JOHN C. SULLIVAN	Term expires 1895
AUGUSTUS H. SOULE	" " 1895
AUGUSTUS PRATT	" " 1896
ADELINE V. WOOD	" " 1896
CHARLES M. LEONARD	" " 1897
EBENEZER PICKENS	" " 1897

Superintendent of Schools.

ASHER J. JACOBY.

Constables.

BENJAMIN W. BUMP,	JOHN M. LUIPPOLD,
HERBERT L. LEONARD,	SYLVANUS MENDALL,
EVERETT T. LINCOLN,	LEANDER M. ALDEN,
SAMUEL S. LOVELL,	SYLVANUS W. BUMP,
JOHN W. FLANSBURG,	GEORGE W. HAMMOND,
FRED. C. SPARROW,	CHARLES C. TINKHAM.

Superintendent of Streets.

SAMUEL N. SHIVERICK.

Registrars of Voters.

CHARLES H. CARPENTER	Term expires 1895
WARREN B. STETSON	" " 1896
THOMAS C. COLLINS	" " 1897
AUGUSTUS M. BEARSE, Town Clerk, <i>ex officio</i> .	

Municipal Light Board.

DAVID G. PRATT	Term expires 1895
GEORGE E. WOOD	" " 1896
SAMUEL S. BOURNE	" " 1897

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1894.

APPROPRIATIONS MADE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Voted by the town for support of schools, including school-books, incidentals, and Superintendent's salary		\$19,000.00
School committee's salaries		150.00
Support of poor		4,800.00
Support of Insane		1,500.00
Military aid		400.00
Soldiers' relief		400.00
Town officers		2,500.00
Incidental expenses		1,500.00
G. A. R., for Memorial day		200.00
Town House committee, expense account		500.00
Water Supply to fire district		1,500.00
Town debt, note due		5,000.00
Lighting bond, due	\$1,000.00	
Interest on lighting bonds	3,000.00	
Expense of lighting plant, est'd	6,000.00	
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Less est'd income from l't'g plant	6,500.00	
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Leaving appropriation		3,500.00

Interest	3,200.00
Board of health	200.00
Highway department	15,000.00
Concrete sidewalks	500.00
Night watch and police	900.00
Sewers	10,000.00
History committee	500.00
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	\$71,250.00
Sewer loan authorized	10,000.00
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	\$61,250.00
Less corporation and bank tax, est'd	7,900.00
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	\$53,350.00
Voted to raise by tax	\$53,850.00

ADJOURNED MEETING, MARCH 25TH,

Voted to appropriate an additional sum for
Grove street of \$1,000, to be provided
for by loan payable in 1895.

SPECIAL MEETING, JUNE 25TH,

Appropriated for two hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary	450.00
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Total tax levy	\$54,300.00
State tax assessed by the town	3,480.00
County tax assessed by the town	5,387.00

Non-resident bank tax	92.77
Overlaying	1,228.96

\$64,488.73

Poll taxes assessed	\$4,018.00
Taxes on personal property	9,369.74
Taxes on real estate	51,008.22
Non-resident bank tax	92.77
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	\$64,488.73

Number of polls assessed, 2,009.

Valuation of buildings, excluding land	\$1,775,382
Valuation of land, excluding buildings	1,463,113

Total valuation of real estate	\$3,238,495
Valuation of personal estate	594,851

Total valuation, 1894 \$3,833,346

Rate of tax per \$1,000	\$15.75
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Persons, firms, etc., assessed on property,	
residents	1,157
Persons, firms, etc., non-residents	237
Persons assessed for poll tax only	972

Total number persons, etc., assessed 2,366

Number of horses assessed	1,016
Number of cows assessed	677
Number of neat cattle other than cows asses'd	149
Number of sheep assessed	29
Number of swine assessed	108

Number of dwelling houses assessed	.	.	1,396 $\frac{1}{2}$
Number of acres assessed	.	.	38,993
Number of fowl	.	.	3,824
Population of the town, 1890	.	.	6,065
Amount of taxes remitted for 1883	.	.	\$6.31
“ “ “ “ 1884	.	.	9.86
“ “ “ “ 1885	.	.	10.84
“ “ “ “ 1886	.	.	56.25
“ “ “ “ 1887	.	.	50.95
“ “ “ “ 1888	.	.	114.66
“ “ “ “ 1889	.	.	159.41
“ “ “ “ 1890	.	.	259.41
“ “ “ “ 1891	.	.	328.81
“ “ “ “ 1892	.	.	414.12
“ “ “ “ 1893	.	.	366.09
“ “ “ “ 1894	.	.	594.60
Total taxes remitted and refunded	.	.	\$2,371.31

Respectfully submitted.

ALBERT T. SAVERY,
EDWIN F. WITHAM,
CHARLES W. KINGMAN,

Middleborough, January, 1895.

Assessors.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

For the Year ending Dec. 31, 1894.

The Selectmen have drawn orders upon the Town Treasurer for the amounts hereinafter given, under the several appropriations made by the town. These amounts will not in all cases balance with the amounts paid by the Treasurer, as some of his payments made in 1894 were for orders drawn in 1893, and others drawn in 1894 had not been paid when the books were closed for the year.

TOWN OFFICERS' AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Appropriation for town officers and committee	\$2,500.00
Appropriation for school committee services .	150.00
Appropriation for incidental expenses . . .	1,500.00
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	\$4,150.00

A. T. Savery, selectman, assessor and board of health	\$380.00
A. T. Savery, use of team and traveling expenses	76.00
E. F. Witham, selectman, assessor and board of health	365.00
E. F. Witham, use of team and traveling expenses	77.85

C. W. Kingman, selectman, assessor and board of health	402.50
C. W. Kingman, use of team and traveling expenses	69.15
J. F. Alden, selectman and assessor, 1893 .	42.90
A. C. Wood, overseer of the poor . .	185.00
S. Mendall, overseer of the poor . . .	104.50
C. T. Thatcher, overseer of the poor . .	84.52
C. T. Thatcher, treasurer and collector . .	137.50
A. M. Bearse, treasurer and collector . .	600.00
A. M. Bearse, registrar of voters, . .	40.00
C. H. Carpenter, " " " . .	58.50
T. C. Collins, " " " . .	37.50
W. B. Stetson, " " " . .	62.50
C. T. Thatcher, " " " . .	16.50
C. T. Thatcher, recording marriages, births, deaths, etc., 1893	101.85
W. H. Southworth, moderator . . .	15.00
Election officers and expenses for March and June meetings, 1894	59.50
E. E. Williamson, lunch for election officers .	4.00
Election officers and expenses, Precinct 1, No- vember, 1894	27.00
Y. M. C. A. auxiliary, lunch for election of- ficers	6.30
Election officers and expenses, Precinct 2, No- vember, 1894	55.00
Geo. L. Soule, returning deaths, 1893 . .	24.75
J. M. Coombs, new type for registrars . .	83.17

J. M. Coombs, printing, electric light . . .	50.00
J. M. Coombs, printing, board of health . . .	41.25
J. M. Coombs, printing, board of registrars . . .	7.31
J. M. Coombs, printing town report, poll list and advertising	448.07
M. M. Copeland, printing sanitary notice, ad- vertising, etc.	157.00
M. M. Copeland, printing for electric light committee	59.00
Wood & Tinkham, printing for board of reg- istrars	7.50
Wood & Tinkham, printing and advertising . . .	94.25
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing lighting bonds, 1893	143.00
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing for board of health	173.65
C. T. Thatcher, recording town meetings, sta- tionery, etc.	23.80
F. W. R. Emery, printing plumbers' book . . .	9.00
F. W. R. Emery, binding tax books and printing tax sheets	19.50
Mrs. A. M. Wood, copying for assessors . . .	41.20
Miss H. B. Sylvester, copying for assessors . . .	8.00
Fred Hallett & Co., printing	3.50
H. M. Meek, printing blanks for assessors . . .	3.17
C. W. Drake, incidentals	8.85
J. A. Burgess, inspector of milch cows and provisions	264.00
W. T. Bryant, forest fire ward bills . . .	22.80
B. C. Shaw, " " " . . .	1.00

T. Darling, forest fire ward bills . . .	13.00
L. S. Bailey, " " " . . .	1.50
C. N. Atwood, " " " . . .	19.70
T. C. Swift, " " " . . .	.90
W. P. Case, " " " . . .	1.20
Ira Tinkham, services with chemical engine at North Middleboro	20.00
Bridgewater fire department, services at North Middleboro	94.00
J. Pratt, labor on cemetery at No. Middleboro	4.00
Middleboro water works, repairing pipe injured by sewer diggers, repairing crane, etc. .	10.14
Mrs. C. H. Rudolph, for injuries received from a fall on the sidewalk	60.00
H. S. B. Smith, returning births, 1893 . . .	2.25
W. R. Mitchell, 225th anniversary . . .	300.00
G. T. Ryder & Co., 225th anniversary . . .	150.00
W. O. Eddy, setting curbing	7.50
Otis Briggs, teams for State highway commis- sion	14.00
A. M. Bearse, help on tax bills	18.00
A. M. Bearse, stationery, freight, express, etc.	36 00
J. E. Beals, placing lighting bonds . . .	13.00
Middleboro gas and electric light plant, main- tenance, etc.	272.39
A. H. Eaton, auditor to April 7, 1894 . . .	33.75
George W. Lovell, express charges	2.75
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\$5,776.42	

WATER SUPPLY.

Appropriated	\$1,500.00
Orders drawn :	
Middleborough water works,	1,500.00

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Appropriated	\$500.00
Orders drawn :	
Shiverick & Thomas, 1894	\$700.00
Charged to abutters	321.67
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	378.33
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	\$121.67

NIGHT WATCH AND POLICE.

Appropriated	\$900.00
Orders drawn :	
H. L. Leonard, night watch	\$720.00
H. L. Leonard, keeper of lock-up	12.00
H. L. Leonard, feeding prisoners	54.00
H. L. Leonard, sp'l police service	6.00
J. Luippold, special police service	7.50
B. F. Johnson, sp'l police service	7.50
B. W. Bump, notify'g town officers	21.20
C. T. Gammons, sp'l police service	5.00
H. R. Caswell, " " "	5.00
L. M. Alden, " " "	5.00
F. C. Sparrow, " " "	5.00
C. C. Tinkham, " " "	7.50

O. Barden,	special police service	5.00
B. F. Baker,	" " "	5.00
A. P. Vaughan,	" " "	5.00
D. S. Surrey,	" " "	5.00
S. W. Bump,	" " "	5.00
J. A. Burgess,	" " "	5.00
J. A. Burgess,	sp'l on dog warrant	15.00
J. A. Burgess,	sp'l Sunday police	45.00
E. T. Lincoln,	sp'l police service	5.00
S. Mendall,	constable	13.50
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		\$964.20

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

Appropriated for expense account	\$500.00
Received from rent of hall	\$449.00
Received from rent of rooms	467.17
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	916.17
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	\$1,416.17

Orders drawn and bills paid by agent:

A. M. Wood and B. F. Johnson	\$468.00
Sundry bills for repairs, supplies, cleaning, etc.	88.44
Middleboro gas and electric light plant, gas	220.73
Middleboro gas and electric light plant, electricity	228.00
Middleboro gas and electric light plant, wiring hall, etc.	18.25

T. W. Pierce, supplies for town hall	19.88	
Hiram Whittemore, repairs	9.21	
Oliver Whyte, railing for town clerk's room	20.00	
Jared F. Alden, insurance on town house	150.00	
T. C. Collins, insurance on town house	150.00	
Wm. Dwyer, labor, town clerk's office	7.50	
Lloyd Perkins, 2d, repairs	2.25	
Murdock Parlor Grate Co., wire grates	17.50	
Geo. F. Bryant, coal	242.26	
H. A. Sparrow, painting, etc.	9.34	
	<hr/>	\$1,651.36

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriated	\$200.00	
Orders drawn:		
M. H. Cushing & Co., lime, etc.	\$8.50	
Eli Wordell, inspector of plumbing	84.90	
J. A. Burgess, for Board of Health	186.15	
	<hr/>	\$279.55

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriated	\$400.00	
Orders drawn:		
A. Gibbs	\$75.50	

A. J. Gardiner	14.00
Francis H. Tobey	72.00
Elisha Thomas, wood for C. Pittsley	10.00
George Powers	10.00
A. O. Standish	4.00
Thomas Kinder	10.00
William W. Westgate	17.00
Charles A. Howes	10.00
Charles E. Mellen	6.00
Geo. L. Soule, burial E. Lincoln .	25.00
T. S. Hodgson, profess'nal services to C. H. Fuller	12.50
M. H. Cushing, for Chas. Pittsley	25.50
Marcus M. Holloway	10.00
William A. Underwood	70.00
Town of Hanson, for H. V. A. Mellen	8.00
Town of Sandwich, for H. H. P. Lovell	153.72
City of New Bedford, for A. P. Rogers	36.00
City of Brockton, for H. V. A. Mellen	22.00
J. L. Jenney, coal for C. Pittsley	8.90

\$600.12

HERRING ACCOUNT.

Received from sale of herrings	\$275.00
Received from towns on Taunton river, for inspection at East Taunton	130.00
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	\$405.00

Orders drawn :

Allen B. Thomas	\$130.00	
Benjamin W. Bump, fish warden	3.00	
Ezra F. Chase, putting fish over the dam	15.00	
H. L. Leonard, fish warden, '93-'94	10.00	
J. W. Wagner, fish warden	5.00	
A. T. Savery, " "	5.00	
E. F. Witham " "	5.00	
C. W. Kingman " "	5.00	
Austin Lovell, 'selling herrings	2.00	
Hiram Whittemore, labor on her-ring way	4.50	
J. K. & B. Sears, lumber for fish way	1.26	
	<hr/>	185.76
To divide with Lakeville		\$219.24
Paid Lakeville its share for 1893,	\$37.96	

SEWERS.

Appropriation	\$10,000.00
Charges for permits to enter sewers, 1894	525.00
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	\$10,525.00

Deficiency in 1893	\$1,109.56	
Sewer loan, authorized 1893, to be paid 1894	2,000.00	
	<hr/>	3,109.56
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		\$7,415.44

The Selectmen have built sewers, as voted
by the town, on Rock st., on Benton st., on
Water st., on Main st., and on Peirce st.
as far as School st.

Orders drawn :

Seibel & Dean, contractors	\$6,218.84	
T. A. Churbuck, engineer	90.00	
J. & G. E. Doane, sewer pipe	1,406.51	
LeBaron Foundry Co., covers, etc. . . .	305.67	
M. O. Rounseville, connecting en- gine house and Methodist church with sewer	25.00	
Coleman Sewer Trap Co., catch basins	70.00	
Lucien A. Taylor, engineering	46.50	
Levi F. Tinkham, sewer work	40.92	
Ansel G. Hayes, care sewer basin	5.00	
John McNally	1.62	
	<hr/>	8,209.06
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Overdrawn the appropriation		\$893.62

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Balance, Jan. 1, 1894	\$652.64
Due from Pierce heirs	200.00
Appropriation	14,000.00
Special appropriation for snow	1,000.00
Special appropriation for Grove st.	1,000.00
Special appropriation for Water st. bridge	500.00
Allowance from County Commissioners on account of Grove st.	1,000.00
Received of J. E. Beals, for care of water pipes	25.00
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	\$18,377.64

General highway and snow bills approved by the superintendent of streets (for details see superintendent's report) . . . \$17,837.39

State highway:

Bills approved by superintendent of streets	844.31	
	<hr/>	\$18,681.70

ESTIMATES FOR A TAX, 1895.

For support of schools, including school books, incidentals and superintendent's salary . . .	\$21,000.00
School committee's salary	150.00
Support of poor	4,800.00
Support of insane	1,700.00
Military aid	400.00
Soldiers' relief	600.00

Town officers	2,500.00
Incidental expenses	2,500.00
G. A. R., for Memorial day	200.00
Town house committee	500.00
Water supply for fire district	1,500.00
Town debt, note due	5,000.00
Loan for Grove st.	1,000.00
For dredging the river	2,000.00
For building Water st. bridge	500.00
Lighting bond due	\$1,000.00
Int. on lighting bonds	3,000.00
Expenses of lighting plant	6,000.00
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	\$10,000.00
Est. income from lighting plant	6,500.00 = 3,500.00
Interest	3,200.00
Board of health	600.00
Highway department, for general repairs and clearing highways of snow, including su- perintendent's salary	11,000.00
For building new roads and bridges, and spe- cial repairs of highways	4,000.00
Concrete sidewalks	500.00
Night watch and police	900.00
Deficiency on sewer account	893.62
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	\$68,943.62
Less corporation and bank tax	7,100.00
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To be raised by tax	\$61,843.62

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

The following notes to the Middleborough Savings Bank :

July 2, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent, payable in .8 yrs.	\$5,000.00
Dec. 1, 1887, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ " " 9 yrs.	5,000.00
June 16, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ " " 10 yrs.	5,200.00
July 25, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ " " 11 yrs.	5,200.00
Dec. 18, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ " " 12 yrs.	5,055.00
Dec. 26, 1891, at 4 per cent, payable Nov. 1, 1897	5,000.00
Apr. 28, 1894, at 4 " " " 1902	8,000.00
Sewer loan at 4 " " " 1901	5,000.00
" " at 4 " " " 1907	5,000.00
" " at 4 " " " 1908	5,000.00
" " at 4 " " " 1909	5,000.00
" " at 4 " " " 1910	5,000.00
" " at 4 " " " 1911	5,000.00

Notes payable at Middleboro National Bank :

Sewer loan, at 4 per cent, payable Nov. 1, 1912	5,000.00
" " at 4 " " " 1913	5,000.00

Notes payable in Boston :

Railroad loan, at 4 per cent, payable Nov. 1, 1918	5,000.00
" " at 4 " " " 1919	5,000.00
" " at 4 " " " 1920	5,000.00
" " at 4 " " " 1921	5,000.00

Municipal light loan bonds, due from Nov. 1,

1895, to Nov. 1, 1923	74,000.00
Temporary loan, payable on demand . .	10,000.00

\$182,455.00

Due town officers, and other liabilities, est'd .	\$2,500.00
Estimated loss on taxes	400.00
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	\$185,355.00

ASSETS.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1895 . . .	\$8,995.09
Due on taxes	11,995.95
Due from State, military aid . . .	444.00
Due from State, State aid	3,441.00
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Total assets	24,876.04
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Balance of liabilities	\$160,478.96

Respectfully submitted.

ALBERT T. SAVERY,
EDWIN F. WITHAM,
CHARLES W. KINGMAN,

Selectmen of Middleborough.

Middleborough, January 1, 1895.

LIST OF JURORS.

The Selectmen propose the following persons to serve as jurors the ensuing year, viz. :

Jared F. Alden,	Orin E. Deane,
Emery F. Atwood,	William H. Dorigan,
F. Austin G. Atwood,	George A. Earle,
Harrison W. Atwood,	Henry K. Ellis,
Harvey N. Atwood,	Lucius M. Fuller,
William F. Atwood,	George T. M. Gammons,
Joseph E. Beals,	Foster A. Harlow,
Frederic T. Belcher,	Israel T. Hathaway,
Grover Bennett,	Benjamin E. Holmes,
John S. Benson,	James L. Jenney,
Howard M. Bishop,	B. Frank Jones,
Joshua K. Bishop,	Thomas J. LeBaron,
George F. Bryant,	Arad R. Dunham,
Charles E. Bump,	Ezra S. Leonard,
Marshall P. Burgess,	William McAllister,
Benjamin F. Caswell,	Adam P. McKeen,
Frederic P. Chase,	Andrew W. Miller,
Abisha T. Clark, Jr.,	Luther B. Murdock,
Charles W. Kingman,	J. Frank Peirce,
George S. Clark,	Isaac E. Perkins,
Charles F. Cornish,	Edmund E. Phillips,
George A. Cox,	Ebenezer Pickens,
Nathaniel S. Cushing,	David G. Pratt,
James S. Cuzner,	Luther B. Pratt,
Albert Deane,	Nathan W. Pratt,

John C. Robinson,
 John H. Ryder,
 Edmund S. Russell,
 James M. Sampson,
 Albert T. Savery,
 Truman C. Savery,
 Benjamin C. Shaw,
 George H. Shaw, 2d,
 Joseph A. Shaw,
 Walter A. Shaw,
 Albert W. Smith,
 Charles H. Thomas,
 Walter M. Snow,
 Augustus H. Soule,
 George L. Soule,
 Warren H. Southworth,
 George E. Standish,
 Dennis D. Sullivan,

Myron R. Sturgès,
 David S. Surrey,
 Ichabod B. Thomas,
 John B. Thomas,
 Josiah H. Thomas,
 Lazelle E. Thomas,
 Henry A. Thompson,
 Josiah T. Carver,
 George F. D. Tinkham,
 Alvin P. Vaughan,
 Asaph F. Washburne,
 Seneca T. Weston,
 William L. White,
 Edwin F. Witham,
 Albert J. Wood,
 Edward C. Wood,
 Edward F. Wood.

ALBERT T. SAVERY,
 EDWIN F. WITHAM,
 CHARLES W. KINGMAN,

Selectmen of Middleborough.

Middleborough, January 31, 1895.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To the Board of Selectmen:

The following are highway, snow, Water street bridge and State highway bills, as rendered:

Balance, Jan. 1, 1894,	\$652.64
Due from Pierce heirs	200.00
Appropriation for 1894	14,000.00
“ special, for snow	1,000.00
“ “ for Grove st.	1,000.00
“ Water st. bridge	500.00
Allowance from County Commissioners on account Grove st.	1,000.00
Received of J. E. Beals, care of water pipes	25.00
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	\$18,377.64

The following bills of section men have been approved and orders issued, for their services and help, and teams employed by them:

Paid William Downing, 1894, snow account .	\$533.50
Isaac Macomber “ “ .	21.40
Albert Reed “ “ .	20.40
Sylvanus Bump “ “ .	13.80
George Sampson, “ “ .	32.80

H. A. Thompson, 1894, snow account .	62.15
W. F. Atwood “ “ .	96.95
L. B. Pratt “ “ .	117.45
N. S. Cushing “ “ .	25.50
B. C. Shaw “ “ .	50.00
J. E. Smith “ “ .	43.55
J. K. Bishop “ “ .	31.05
Henry Tinkham “ “ .	52.60
B. P. W. Lovell “ “ .	111.60
Andrew Miller “ “ .	48.70
J. H. Thomas “ “ .	95.75

\$1,357.20

Paid William Downing, highway account .	\$819.12
S. S. Lovell “ “ .	6,400.10
Isaac Macomber “ “ .	549.48
Albert Reed “ “ .	523.33
Sylvanus Bump “ “ .	530.12
George R. Sampson “ “ .	688.52
H. A. Thompson “ “ .	300.18
S. L. Pratt “ “ .	489.84
N. S. Cushing “ “ .	113.61
B. C. Shaw “ “ .	260.96
J. E. Smith “ “ .	275.10
J. K. Bishop “ “ .	252.87
Henry Tinkham “ “ .	415.99
B. P. W. Lovell “ “ .	97.55
Andrew Miller “ “ .	356.64

Paid J. H. Thomas,	highway account	.	\$455.17
H. L. Thomas	"	"	617.09

\$13,145.67

Paid T. G. Ford, blacksmithing bill for years

1891, 1892, 1893 \$9.95

T. G. Ford, blacksmithing bill for 1894 9.70

W. B. Stetson, 89 loads gravel, 1893 8.90

A. B. Black, snow-plow 40.00

E. M. Barden, care of water trough 5.00

G. E. Standish, services on account of
Montello st., 1892 8.25

LeBaron Foundry Co., grates 15.59

Geo. Tyler & Co., cutting plates for road
machine 18.50

Carl Maxim, repairs on road machine, etc. 13.40

Nightingale & Childs, for jaws, cheek
pieces and bbl. oil for crusher 56.40

For elevator, steel cable for
crusher \$450.00

Cr. By labor 30.28 419.72

Paid J. W. Flansburg, on Highland street, as

ordered and laid out 221.63

John McCormick, stone work 36.00

N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., 1,654 lbs.
steel rails 24.81

Lloyd Perkins, 2d, repairs on road scrapers,
steam gauge, etc. 10.45

M. H. Cushing, lime 4.35

H. L. House, grading Grove, Coombs and Vine sts.	46.50
E. O. Parker, lime and cement	5.70
Z. Sturtevant, stone for Woodward's bridge	8.00
M. O. Rounseville, blasting out ledge, stone work on Grove st., setting curb- ing, paving, etc.,	432.27
Shiverick & Thomas, 922 ft. roofing on storage shed	36.88
W. H. Southworth, labor on railings on Grove st.	18.28
N. F. Shurtleff, repairing bridge . . .	6.01
Town of Bridgewater, one-half expense of planking Woodward's bridge with hard pine	75.72
N. S. Cushing, hard pine plank for We- weantic bridge	60.50
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber as per bill, for bridge, railing, storage shed, etc. .	156.66
J. B. LeBaron, cedar posts, rails, wood at crusher, etc., for 1891, '92, '93, '94	69.39
Geo. Richards, granite steps, John Rob- inson	12.68
J. & G. E. Doane, mdse. as per bill .	118.84
T. W. Pierce " " " .	71.70
D. S. Surrey, granite steps for L. Callan	23.00
L. S. Bailey, blacksmithing, per bill .	50.73
S. N. Shiverick, for services	562.50

Five hundred dollars were appropriated for the Water st. bridge. It was found on opening to be in worse condition under water than was supposed. In rebuilding the electric light flume it has been deepened and widened from 10 feet to 16 feet, a ledge on the bottom removed and covered with 4-inch hard pine plank laid on steel beams, making a very substantial piece of work. The walls will be pointed with Portland cement. There remain two flumes, at present in very bad condition. It is suggested that they be made into one, and that very soon, which would apparently settle the Water st. bridge troubles for years to come.

Paid freight on rails	7.30
S. S. Lovell, orders for labor, teams, excavating, purchase of stone, etc. . . .	273.87
Geo. McQuesten, hard pine at \$25 per M.	128.30
Boston Bridge Co., 18 steel beams . . .	263.00
J. & G. E. Doane, as per bill	5.04

STATE HIGHWAY.

It was not foreseen, early in the year, that the Water street bridge would give out in November, nor had there been any action taken on State roads; consequently the appropriation had been used closer than

it would have been. On the 13th of October a contract was signed by the State Commissioners, granting Middleboro a mile of this road, from Wood street to Sachem street on Wareham street, with all encouragement of the second mile being added, to be done in connection with the first in the spring. With 100 requests from towns in the State, it does not seem that we make a mistake should it be continued, said road to cost about \$5,000 per mile, to be paid by the State. It was expected of Middleboro to have the tools to work with. The crushing plant was far from complete. It has been necessary to do considerable building and changing, besides the cost of moving, to put the plant on the same basis as towns having a modern plant. As arranged, stone can be handled 50 per cent. cheaper, besides producing much better material.

Paid S. S. Lovell, orders for labor, teams, freight, etc.	442.84
J. McCormick, stone work	39.00
Mason Machine Co., steel plates	5.69
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber for crush- er bin, roller building, scales house, scales and repairs to elevator	169.71

Nightingale & Childs, iron work per contract for elevator extension	25.50
J. McCormick, building well	125.00
L. S. Bailey, iron work	10.25
J. & G. E. Doane, hardware, etc.	25.33
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	\$18,681.71

There are probably about 165 miles of road and some 20 odd bridges in Middleboro,—a large surface to do justice to. Repairs are called for constantly, complaints are numerous for improvements in certain of our village streets, and it seems as though they should be heeded. I would mention Elm street, Vine street, Lovell street, Coombs street and Pierce street. I would suggest a certain amount to be spent on each. Have an engineer to make grades, and should there be any hills to cut have specifications and measurements, so that work can be done by contract, if thought advisable, or an estimate made of cost before beginning.

Crushed stone is the only satisfactory material to make a road of. It is a waste if not laid to a good depth and well done. Necessary repairs and special work for the past two years have prevented macadamizing which the public would have appreciated.

Perhaps a fair valuation of Highway property should be made :—

Land on Center st., owned for gravel purposes	\$800.00
Stone on Center st., owned for crushing	

purposes	1,500.00
Storage shed and tool house	175.00
Four-horse road roller	250.00
One scraper, fair	150.00
One scraper, badly worn	50.00
Snow plows	150.00
First-class crushing plant	2,500.00
Iron bridge beams, rails, plank, bills due highway, small tools, etc.	300.00
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	\$5,875.00

Respectfully submitted.

S. N. SHIVERICK.

REPORT OF THE GAS AND ELECTRIC PLANT.

RECEIPTS.

From consumers	\$7,065.75	
From other sources	701.59	
	<hr style="width: 10%;"/>	\$7,767.34
Appropriation		3,500.00
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		\$11,267.34

EXPENSE.

Maintenance gas and electric plant	\$10,531.24	
Special repairs, occasioned by flume caving in	346.15	
	<hr style="width: 10%;"/>	\$10,877.39
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		\$389.95

There is in addition to the above an expense for construction, \$962.29, and interest on bonds, \$3,000, which with previous expense would make arc lights appear to cost \$69.33 per lamp; but as the amount for construction (\$962.29) is for transformers, etc., actually stock on hand and an asset of the town, it leaves actual cost at \$59.92 per year per lamp. And against this cost we have an expense of \$475.00, paid for coal, which was necessitated by the loss of water in the summer, occasioned by the taking up of the flash boards at the dam by the fish wardens, to better facilitate the passing of the herring up the river.

This appears to be a needless expense, and a small outlay would provide and care for the fish without this loss of water. Another large expense has been the entire loss of water from Nov. 14, 1894, to date of this report, on account of the caving in of the flume and bridge at the dam and the necessary repairs thereto, making an additional expense of \$549.50 for coal burned,—all of which are items that were unforeseen and unexpected and are not again liable to occur. With this expense deducted (and which with ordinary water supply will not happen in the future), your arc lights would have cost you \$46.46 each per year.

You will appreciate that nearly one-half the year was consumed in putting the plant in complete running order, and that no especial effort has been made to increase the number of consumers of gas or electricity, on account of the rules adopted by the town and submitted to the Superior Court for approval, not having as yet been returned to the board.

The expense for suburban lighting has been: For oil, lamp supplies and labor, \$404.73, orders for which have been drawn on the treasurer.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN N. MAIN, *Manager.*

Approved.

GEO. E. WOOD,
DAVID G. PRATT,
SAM'L S. BOURNE,

Light Commissioners.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

JANUARY, 1895.

The detail work of the library, as performed by the Librarian and her assistants, is given in the report of the Librarian herewith presented and made a part of the report of the Trustees.

Mrs. A. K. Thatcher has been librarian during the year. Miss Lucy M. T. Brayton has served as assistant regularly from 2 to 4 o'clock P. M. daily, and Miss Harriet B. Sylvester and Myra K. Leonard as occasion has required.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Trustees of the Middleborough Public Library:

In submitting the twenty-first annual report of the public library, we have only to refer to previous reports to show that the library is more and more appreciated each year.

The reference books of various kinds and the encyclopedias, of which we have Rees', Chambers', the American, the People's, Johnson's and the Brittanica, are con-

sulted by patrons of the library to a greater extent than heretofore.

The number of volumes now in the library amounts to 6,284, not including pamphlets and public documents not yet arranged and catalogued; 389 have been added during the year; 135 books at this writing are in the hands of the binder to be rebound; also about 50 volumes of magazines in numbers to be bound into volumes.

Of the number of volumes issued, all have been returned or missing ones replaced.

The library has been open for the delivery of books 306 days, in which 22,986 volumes have been given out with cards,—no account being kept of books drawn and consulted in the reading-room. The largest monthly circulation, which was in the month of March, was 2,462. The largest daily circulation was 238. Several days during the year the number given out has exceeded 200.

Number of cards issued to date, 1,260, a gain of 285 for the year.

Covered, numbered and labeled, 1,475 volumes.

Received from sale of catalogues . . .	\$2.00
Received from fines	37.08
Paid for postoffice box	\$2.00
Paid express and sundries . . .	2.32

ADELAIDE K. THATCHER,

January, 1895.

Librarian.

The library has received as donations during the year a History of the Morton Family and the ancestors of ex-Vice-President Morton; an Account of the Centennial Cele-

bration of the City of Portland, Maine, from Hon. M. F. King of Portland; a supplement of books added to the Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore; several volumes of the Congressional Record and other public documents, from Hon. Elijah A. Morse, M. C.; Massachusetts State Reports and documents from the Secretary of State; Reports from the State Board of Health, and "Oahspe: a New Bible in the Words of Jehovih," from the "Children of Shalim."

If we should add to the number of volumes given in the librarian's report the volumes of public documents and government publications which are available for reference, but which have not been catalogued for want of time and means, the number of books belonging to the library will amount to about 7,000.

The following periodicals may be found regularly on the reading-room table:

American Agriculturist,	Manifesto,
Arena,	New England Magazine,
Art Interchange,	Outing,
Atlantic Monthly,	Overland Monthly,
Century Magazine,	Popular Science Monthly,
Cosmopolitan,	Public Opinion,
Current Literature,	Review of Reviews,
Eclectic Magazine,	Saint Nicholas,
Engineering Magazine,	Scientific American,
Forum,	Scientific American Supple-
Frank Leslie's Monthly,	ment,
Godey's,	Scribner's Magazine.
Harper's Magazine,	

TREASURER'S REPORT, PUBLIC LIBRARY,
FOR 1894.

Balance on hand at last annual report . . .	\$116.51
Received from town treasurer, dog money . .	813.40
“ “ “ “ other licenses	95.50
“ for fines, etc., at library	39.08
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	\$1,069.49

Paid A. K. Thatcher, librarian . . .	\$200.00
Lucy M. T. Brayton, assistant . . .	76.50
Myra K. Leonard, assistant . . .	11.10
Harriet B. Sylvester, assistant . . .	23.35
H. B. Sylvester, catalogue work . . .	10.70
Estes & Lauriat, books	359.58
Estes & Lauriat, magazines	17.65
James M. Coombs, magazines	51.45
Balch Bros., books	14.00
Sundry purchases of books	26.50
J. M. Coombs, printing and advertising	25.50
Wood & Tinkham, advertising	10.00
H. L. Thatcher, paper for cov- ers, and printing	13.43
F. W. R. Emery, rebind'g b'ks	26.00

Library Bureau, book supports	4.05	
Postage, freight, express, etc.	10.52	
	<hr/>	880.33
Balance on hand, January, 1895	.	<hr/> \$184.16

Respectfully submitted, *JOSEPH E. BEALS,*

JOSEPH E. BEALS,

Secretary and Treasurer.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1894-1895.

Term expires 1895.	Term expires 1896.	Term expires 1897.
E. ROBINSON,	WM. R. PEIRCE, <i>Pres.</i>	GEORGE BRAYTON,
E. S. HATHAWAY.	C. D. KINGMAN,	JAS. M. COOMBS,
(Vacancy.)	W. H. SOUTHWORTH.	JOS. E. BEALS, <i>Sec'y.</i>

REPORT OF

THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

For the Year 1894.

Net amount drawn from the treasury . . .	\$6,307.30	
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Received as follows from—

City of Taunton	\$56.00	
City of Woburn	26.13	
City of Lynn	9.00	
Town of Plymouth	45.69	
Town of Wareham	63.50	
Town of Freetown	55.50	
Produce from the farm sold	515.51	
		771.33
		\$7,078.63

Paid out as follows:

For support of paupers in the almshouse . . .	\$2,113.61	
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Out of the almshouse:

Mrs. Allen Pratt	\$48.00	
Mrs. Stillman B. Morse	18.25	
Mrs. James E. Richmond	80.50	
Mrs. Ellen Croacher	5.00	
Mrs. Julia A. Swift	192.50	

Mrs. Albert Elliot . . .	211.00	
Mrs. Mary L. Beisecker . .	144.75	
Mrs. Samuel B. Maxim . . .	36.00	
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Walker . .	93.85	
Mrs. Parker	4.75	
Nancy, Sarah and Olive Leonard .	156.00	
Aseneth E. Alden	57.00	
Sarah Vaughan	162.00	
Patience C. Benson	13.50	
Phœbe Ann Coffin	35.00	
W. Archer	3.00	
Levi Shaw	131.00	
Eugene Donahue	1.00	
William L. White, Jr.	8.00	
Standish Ryder	65.00	
George Percy	11.00	
E. Bell	23.83	
William E. Reed	12.00	
Fred Wilmot	5.75	
J. F. Dowsing	113.00	
George Messer	76.00	
Frenchman	2.00	
Samuel N. Wood	89.84	
		\$1,799.52
City of New Bedford, for aid furnished Mrs. Mary Lawrence .	\$33.00	
City of New Bedford, for aid furnished Mrs. Wm. Thornton .	44.25	
City of Taunton, for aid furnished Mrs. Nancy Ashley	91.50	

City of Taunton, for aid furnished		
Mrs. Emma I. Hackett . . .	43.61	
City of Lawrence, for aid furnished		
Mrs. David Jones	60.25	
City of Brockton, for aid furnished		
Mrs. Ellen J. Weeks	19.66	
City of Brockton, for aid furnished		
Robert R. Clark	29.62	
Town of Westport, for aid furnished		
Mrs. Rosalie A. Thyng	39.00	
Town of Fairhaven, for aid furnished		
Mrs. Zilpha E. Barrows	7.70	
Town of Raynham, for aid furnished		
Mrs. Ida M. Dexter	18.00	
Old Ladies' Home in Brockton, for		
Board of Patience C. Benson	34.50	
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		421.09
In Taunton Insane Hospital:		
Paid for C. Herbert Wilder	\$169.46	
Charles Murdock	169.46	
Charles H. Littlejohn	108.17	
Mrs. Sophia C. Kenney	132.50	
Mrs. Mary Lawrence	97.00	
Carrie S. Bryant	169.46	
Mrs. Emma K. Glancy	142.07	
In Worcester Insane Hospital:		
Paid for Robert Fitzsimmons	126.75	
In State farm at Bridgewater:		
Paid for George Wallen	146.00	
Joseph Wallen	146.00	

In Massachusetts School for Fee-
ble Minded:

Paid for Ezra O. Cobb . . . 126.72

In Marlboro:

Paid for Joanna O'Keefe . , 117.00

1,650.59

Paid aid furnished those having
settlements in other places:

Ezra A. Pittsley, Freetown . . \$107.00

D. H. Haskins, Freetown . . 15.00

Chas. P. Pittsley, Wareham . . 3.40

William Bumpus, Wareham . . 21.50

Mrs. Hannah B. N. Bumpus, Ware-
ham 42.00

Mrs. Bridget A. Doherty, Woburn 3.25

Mrs. Mary E. Reidy, Woburn . 26.13

Mrs. Margaret Dwelley, Fall River 37.75

Mrs. Geo. B. Wentworth, Plymouth 25.00

Robert Cassidy, Plymouth . . 20.69

Charles H. Fuller, Nantucket . 6.00

Fabana S. Maxim, Taunton . . 56.00

George W. Brackett, Lynn . . 9.00

Edgar Berry, State . . . 10.85

383.57

Paid George Soule, funeral expenses

of Mary A. Masser . . . \$5.00

Paid George Soule, funeral expenses

of a child 4.00

Paid George Soule, funeral expenses

of Mary F. Standish . . .	20.00	
Paid George Soule, funeral expenses of Warren Soule . . .	25.00	
Paid James A. Burgess, expenses out of town with paupers .	5.00	
Paid M. M. Copeland, printing .	1.25	
Paid Thomas S. Hodgson, services as physician at almshouse .	50.00	
Paid Thomas S. Hodgson, services outside	100.00	
Paid George W. Sherman and wife, services two months . . .	83.33	
Paid Simeon L. Nickerson and wife, services 10 months . . .	416.67	
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		\$7,078.63
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Whole number in almshouse during year .	25
Whole number tramps during year . . .	503
Inmates the whole time	13
Present number	16
Number of weeks for one person	930
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Average expense per week, not including Su- perintendent's salary	\$2.27
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Amount real estate, Jan. 1, 1895 . \$9,925.00

Amount personal estate, Jan. 1, '95 2,566.00

\$12,491 00

Amount real estate, Jan. 1, 1894 .	\$9,925.00	
Amount personal estate, Jan. 1, '94	2,683.00	
	<hr/>	\$12,608.00
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Amount of produce raised on the farm:

Hay	25 tons
Corn fodder	4 tons
Rye straw	1½ tons
Rowen	4 tons
Oats	5 tons
Barley	½ ton
Squashes and pumpkins	3 tons
Corn	125 bushels
Potatoes	206 bushels
Turnips	80 bushels
Beets	20 bushels
Carrots	18 bushels
Beans	5 bushels
Parsnips	15 bushels
Rye	8 bushels
Cabbage	300 heads
Apples	14 barrels
Butter	516 pounds
Pork	1,396 pounds
Beef	600 pounds
Veal	320 pounds
Milk	2,000 gallons
Cream	15 gallons
Eggs	730 dozen

Pigs	27
Fowl	80

Tomatoes, cucumbers, rhubarb, green beans, green peas, melons, etc., in abundance.

There have been four deaths in the almshouse during the year: Mary F. Standish, Feb. 1, aged 69 years; Warren Soule, Feb. 15, aged 45 years; Samuel Wood, July 7, aged 70 years, 1 month; Jacob E. Hathaway, Sept. 24, aged 82 years, 11 months, 13 days.

We take pleasure in introducing to you our new Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Simeon L. Nickerson, who have had charge of the almshouse for several months past, and they would be very much pleased to have you call and make their acquaintance; and they will with pleasure extend to you the hospitalities of the house.

ANDREW C. WOOD,

SYLVANUS MENDALL,

CHARLES T. THATCHER,

Overseers of the Poor.

STATE AID

Furnished the following persons for the year 1894.

Ashley, Mrs. Susan A.	\$16 00	Knowland, John B.	48 00
Baker, John S.	8 00	Lane, Benjamin F.	120 00
Bliss, Alphonso	54 00	Littlejohn, Ira O.	24 00
Bly, Mrs. Adeline H.	48 00	Lucas, Abner	48 00
Bisbee, Sylvanus	24 00	Merrick, John R.	48 00
Boardman, Edward	12 00	Morse, Ezra	36 00
Bump, Benjamin W.	36 00	Morse, Mrs. Lucy A.	48 00
Bump, William E.	20 00	Mosher, Benjamin F.	46 00
Bumpus, Marcus	36 00	Mellen, Charles C.	30 00
Butler, Mrs. Susan K.	48 00	Norveill, Mrs. Susan	24 00
Capen, Mrs. Mary L.	48 00	Nichols, Mrs. Lucia M.	36 00
Chase, Ezra S.	36 00	Perkins, Mrs. Calista	48 00
Clark, Maria H.	36 00	Perkins, John J.	48 00
Cole, Job N.	60 00	Paul, Mrs. Mary A.	48 00
Cobb, Ansel A.	36 00	Pittsley, Charles P.	120 00
Chamberlain, Mrs. Catherine	48 00	Pittsley, Mrs. Cordelia M.	48 00
Crosby, Asa F.	72 00	Powers, George	18 00
Copeland, Mrs. Amy E.	20 00	Pratt, Mrs. Maria A.	48 00
Darling, Mrs. Amanda M. F.	24 00	Raymond, Lucius S.	48 00
Dorr, Amos L.	72 00	Raymond, Marcus M.	36 00
Englested, Charles W.	24 00	Scanlin, John	72 00
Fagan, Peter	120 00	Shaw, William B.	60 00
Gammons, Thomas G.	36 00	Shaw, William N.	72 00
Gibbs, Abiel	44 00	Smith, Hercules	36 00
Glancey, Bernard	72 00	Soule, Mrs. Abbie J.	24 00
Glidden, Benjamin R.	32 00	Shaw, Isaac	15 00
Haines, Mrs. Maria S.	24 00	Sherman, Eliza B.	40 00
Haley, Edward, Jr.	36 00	Standish, Alfred O.	48 00
Holloway, Marcus M.	72 00	Tinkham, Charles	36 00
Hansell, Lottie E.	48 00	Thomas, Arad, Jr.	48 00
Haskins, Harrison	54 00	Ware, Mrs. Harriett A.	48 00
Harlow, Mrs. Betsey	48 00	Weatherby, Betsey D.	24 00
Harris, Mrs. Lydia A.	8 00	Westgate, Edward S.	48 00
Hathaway, Mrs. Susan A.	4 00	Weston, Sanford	48 00
Holmes, Theodore P.	48 00	Weston, Dura T.	24 00
Howard, Cyrus S.	8 00	Whitecomb, Mrs. Martha W.	48 00
Howes, Charles A.	54 00	Whitecomb, William R.	24 00
Howland, Alvin	48 00	Wood, Mrs. Eliza T.	48 00
Hunt, Ephraim A.	54 00	Wood, Jacob	48 00
Hunt, Mrs. Vesta H.	48 00		
Jefferson, Mrs. Sarah C.	24 00		
			<hr/> \$3,341 00

MILITARY AID

Furnished the following persons for the year 1894:

Bump, William E.	\$24 00	Mosher, Benjamin F.	8 00
Cole, Edwin M.	54 00	Staples, Job	20 00
Cunningham, David H.	72 00	Thompson, William F.	72 00
Deane, George R.	96 00	Wilbur, Daniel F.	80 00
Glidden, Benjamin R.	40 00	Washburn, Marshall	6 00
Harlow, Simeon	48 00	Wood, Daniel F.	96 00
McLaughlin, Benjamin S.	120 00		
McMann, James E.	80 00		
Morse, Artemas	72 00		
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			\$888 00

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Previous to the Year 1894.

Taxes remaining unpaid for—

1883, as per last report . . .	\$6.31
1884, “ “ “ . . .	17.11
1885, “ “ “ . . .	29.71
1886, “ “ “ . . .	135.37
1887, “ “ “ . . .	199.05
1888, “ “ “ . . .	397.60
1889, “ “ “ . . .	667.91
1890, “ “ “ . . .	983.89
1891, “ “ “ . . .	1,780.88
1892, “ “ “ . . .	3,638.46
1893, “ “ “ . . .	12,402.28
Interest received . . .	815.12
	\$21,073.69

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By taxes remaining unpaid for 1885	\$5.45
“ “ “ for 1886	19.55
“ “ “ for 1887	118.75
“ “ “ for 1888	113.32
“ “ “ for 1889	279.21
“ “ “ for 1890	326.71

By taxes remaining unpaid for 1891	830.42	
“ “ “ for 1892	1,251.96	
“ “ “ for 1893	2,886.01	
By assessors' orders	1,776.71	
By cash paid A. M. Bearse, treas'r	12,217.88	
By cash on hand	1,247.72	
		<hr/> \$21,073.69

C. T. THATCHER, *Collector.*

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1894.

A. M. BEARSE, *Collector of Taxes,*

In account with TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH.

1894.	DR.	CR.
Dec. 31. To amount of taxes as committed by the as- sessors for 1894	\$64,488.73	
To taxes added since	199.66	
To cash rec'd for interest	96.48	
By cash paid town treas'r		\$58,025.70
By assessors' orders, abatements, etc.		594.60
By amount of taxes re- maining unpaid for '94		6,164.57
	<hr/> \$64,784.87	<hr/> \$64,784.87

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

For Three Months ending March 31, 1894.

DR.

Cash received as follows:—

On hand, as per last year's report	\$11,432.03
On hand, as extra over	300.78
From sale of municipal lighting bonds	5,000.00
Accrued interest	42.22
County treasurer, dog licenses, 1893	813.40
State treasurer, corporation tax	98.14
N. Y , N. H. & H. R. R. Co., for land sold from town farm, as per vote of the town	150.00
Edmund Thompson's estate, for benefit cemetery lot	50.00
Interest allowed on bank deposits	81.84
Overseers of the poor	185.62
F. W. Hayden, for concreting	26.75
Chas H. Tobey, for concreting	25.84
Edward Bryant, for concreting	26.54
Schlueter Bros., for sewer permit	25.00
Jones Bros., for sewer permit	30.00

From James E. Peirce, for sewer permit .	25.00
John C. Sullivan, for 2 sewer permits	50.00
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	\$18,363.16
From Collector of taxes	4,599.24
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	\$22,962.40

CR.

Paid special lighting committee, orders . .	\$3,038.81
Street lighting committee, orders . . .	447.32
West End school house building committee, orders	1,510.00
Town house committee, orders . . .	275.16
School committee, orders	5,581.83
Selectmen's orders	3,574.46
Selectmen's orders, soldiers' relief . . .	312.22
Board of Health, orders	4.15
Overseers of the poor, orders	1,136.82
W. L. Chipman, clerk Fourth District Court, orders for court fees to officers	120.91
Deposited in Middleboro Savings bank, in trust for Edmund Thompson's estate to keep cemetery lot in good order	50.00
Paid C. D. Kingman, for suppression of crime	90.00
N. Y. & B. D. Express Co., bill for January40
Stamps	5.00
Interest	204.25

Military aid	210.00
State aid	848.50
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	\$17,409.83
Cash paid A. M. Bearse, present treasurer .	5,552.57
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	\$22,962.40

C. T. THATCHER,
Treasurer.

RECAPITULATION.

Paid special lighting, committee orders . . .	\$3,038.81
Street lighting, committee orders . . .	447.32
Building West End school house, committee orders	1,510.00
Town house, committee orders . . .	275.16
School committee orders	5,581.83
Selectmen, soldiers' relief orders . . .	312.22
Selectmen, orders	3,574.46
Board of health, orders	4.15
Overseers of the poor, orders	1,136.82
W. L. Chipman, clerk Fourth District Court, orders for court fees to officers	120.91
Deposited in Middleboro Savings Bank, in trust for Edmund Thompson's estate, to keep cemetery lot in good order	50.00
Paid C. D. Kingman, for suppression of crime	90.00
Interest	204.25
State aid	848.50
Military aid	210.00
Miscellaneous	5.40
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	\$17,409.83
Cash paid A. M. Bearse, present treasurer . .	5,552.57
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	\$22,962.40

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER FOR THE YEAR 1894.

A. M. BEARSE, *Treasurer*,

In account with THE TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH.

DR.

To cash receipts as follows:—

From Charles T. Thatcher, ex-treasurer . . .	\$5,552.57
State treasurer, for corporation tax . . .	4,863.30
State treasurer, for national bank tax . . .	2,245.43
State treasurer, for State aid . . .	3,171.00
State treasurer, for military aid . . .	385.00
Middleborough National Bank, sewer loan	10,000.00
Middleborough National Bank, interest on deposits	111.26
From Middleborough Savings Bank:—	
School house loan	8,000.00
Temporary loan	25,000.00
Interest on B. P. Wood's cemetery fund	6.00
Interest on Jared Pratt's cemetery fund .	4.00
Interest on Thos. Wood's cemetery fund	3.00
Interest on Edmund Thompson's cemetery fund	1.50
Interest on Priscilla Wood's cemetery fund	1.50
From C. D. Kingman, trust fund for P. B. Holmes' cemetery lot	100.00
Eliza Eddy, trust fund for Joshua M. Eddy's cemetery lot	100.00

From W. L. Chipman, clerk Fourth District

Court, for fines	486.68
Town house committee	359.73
Overseers of the poor	252.32
School committee	228.00
James A. Thomas, for herrings . . .	275.00
A. K. Harmon, sheriff, prisoners' fees .	60.00
Town of Wareham, soldiers' relief . .	25.50
John N. Main, manager, for Middleboro gas and electric plant	3,860.85
Austin Lovell, for auctioneer's license .	2.00
Charles F. Cornish, " " . . .	2.00
Leonidas Deane " " . . .	2.00
James Cole " " . . .	2.00
Dennis D. Sullivan " " . . .	2.00
Everett T. Lincoln " " . . .	2.00
Isaac E. Macomber " " . . .	2.00
Sanford L. Young, for peddler's license .	12.00
M. Augusta " " . . .	12.00
M. L. Driscoll " " . . .	12.00
Charles C. Porter " " . . .	12.00
J. O. & F. M. Tuell " " . . .	1.00
Charles Y. Wilcox " " . . .	.50
Hunting's circus, for license.	10.00
John L. Allen, for billiard hall license .	2.00
E. H. Blake, for fireworks license . .	5.00
S. L. Young, " " . . .	5.00
Ezra F. Chase " " . . .	5.00
J. W. Williams " " . . .	5.00

From Alfred W. Walker, for plumber's license	2.00
J. & G. E. Doane " "	2.00
R. H. Ellis " "	.50
James S. Cuzner " "	2.00
Lloyd Perkins, 2d " "	2.00
Thomas W. Pierce " "	2.00
Ansel G. Hayes " "	2.00
George MacIntosh " "	.50
Herbert J. Baker " "	.50
Marshall F. Gibbs, for slaughtering license	.50
Charles Behlman " "	.50
Sylvanus W. Bump " "	.50
L. B. Pratt " "	.50
A. M. Bearse, treasurer, am't overdrawn on State aid 	6.00
C. T. Thatcher, for sale of map . .	.25
George Brayton, for concreting . .	44.90
Mrs Aurelia Harrison " . .	28.60
J. E. and Anna McManus, for concret'g	21.00
James Cole, for concreting . . .	69.20
I. Denham " . . .	21.74
Jas. M. Coombs " . . .	18.60
Frank W. Hastay " . . .	17.87
Mrs. E. G. Harlow, for sewer permit .	25.00
Frank N. Woodward " " .	25.00
Nelson C. White " " .	25.00
Eugene H. McCarthy " " .	25.00
Charles E. Leonard " " .	25.00
Joanna C. Butman " " .	25.00

From Wm. S. Andrews, for sewer permit .	25.00
Charles W. Kingman " " .	25.00
Bradford Harlow " " .	25.00
Henry K. Ellis " " .	25.00
Edwin F. Witham " " .	25.00
Mrs. S. L. Perkins " " .	25.00
George H. Shaw " " .	50.00
Arthur H. Alden " " .	25.00
Levi P. Thatcher " " .	50.00
Mrs. Geo. T. Ryder " " .	50.00

From the following cities and towns on ac-	
count of fish: Taunton \$30, Dighton	
\$20, Somerset \$20, Raynham \$20, Berk-	
ley \$20, Freetown \$10	120.00

\$66,026.80

From A. M. Bearse, collector of taxes, 1894	58,025.70
Chas. T. Thatcher, ex-collector of taxes .	7,618.64

\$131,671.14

CR.

By cash paid as follows:—

State treasurer, for State tax	\$3,480.00
State treasurer, for national bank tax . . .	109.60
County treasurer, for county tax	5,387.00
Joseph E. Beals, treasurer, for public library, dog licenses for 1893	813.40
Joseph E. Beals, treasurer, for public library, other licenses for 1894	95.50

Alvin C. Howes, for G. A. R., Memorial day	200.00
Calvin D. Kingman, for suppression of crime	75.00
W. H. Southworth, for interest on cemetery trust funds	12.00
Jared Pratt, for interest on cemetery trust funds	4.00
Middleboro Savings Bank, in trust for P. R. Holmes' estate, to keep cemetery lot in good order	100.00
Middleboro Savings Bank, in trust for Joshua M. Eddy's estate, to keep cemetery lot in good order	100.00
A. W. Babbitt, for draft register	3.50
William M. Olin, secretary of the Commonwealth, for ink	2.00
Committee's orders, expense in obtaining methods for keeping the town's accounts	8.95
W. R. Mitchell, for committee on 4th of July celebration	300.00
Geo. T. Ryder & Co., for committee on decorations, 4th of July celebration	150.00
Middleboro Savings Bank, for note for school house loan	5,000.00
Middleboro Savings Bank, notes for temporary loan	15,000.00
For interest	6,870.38
Municipal light loan sinking fund, bond No. 1	1,000.00
Special lighting committee's orders, from April 1 to June 30, 1894	10,036.26
Light commissioners' orders, from July 1 to Dec. 31, 1894	9,753.44

School committee's orders	14,615.30
Building committee's orders, West Side school house	6,861.12
Overseers of the poor orders, support of poor	4,194.88
Overseers of the poor orders, support of insane	1,317.01
Orders of W. L. Chipman, clerk Fourth District Court, for court fees for officers . . .	190.55
Selectmen's orders, for State aid	3,592.50
“ “ for military aid	684.00
“ “ for concreting	700.00
“ “ for highways	15,156.80
“ “ for State highway	844.31
“ “ Water st. bridge	611.00
“ “ for sewers	8,218.73
“ “ for water	1,500.00
“ “ for board of health	521.80
“ “ for police and night watch	737.00
“ “ for town hall	733.32
“ “ for town officers	2,745.07
“ “ on account of herrings	176.76
“ “ for incidentals	1,379.97
Selectmen's orders, for soldiers' relief aid, Acts 1890, chapter 447	394.90
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	\$122,676.05
Cash on hand	8,995.09
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	\$131,671.14

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT LOAN SINKING FUND.

A. M. BEARSE, *Treasurer*,

In account with MUNICIPAL LIGHT LOAN SINKING FUND.

1894.	DR.	CR.
Oct. 29. To cash received from town treasurer . . .	\$1,000.00	
Oct. 30. By cash paid Brewster, Cobb & Esterbrook, municipal light bond No. 1 . . .		\$1,000.00
	<hr/> \$1,000.00	<hr/> \$1,000.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have been unable, owing to sickness, to finish my duties as auditor. I have, however, examined most of the accounts of the officers of the town, and find them to be correct, and that they have proper vouchers for all monies drawn from the treasury of the town.

ANDREW M. WOOD,

Auditor.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

FOR THE YEAR 1894

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1894.

Date	Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence
Jan 3	Thomas W Green	Middleboro	Mrs Eliz'h Raymond	Plympton
14	Charles E Brown	"	Evangeline L Powers	No. Carver
13	Frank P Stowe	"	Mrs Anna T Shaw	Middleboro
Feb 4	William C Rogers	"	Mabel F Marsons	Middleboro
14	William O Bryant	"	Mary E Shaw	Norton
20	Charlie A Tripp	"	Dora S Harding	Acushnet
21	John M Deane	"	Amanda Dimmock	Ja. Plain
Mar 7	Alvah B Wentworth	"	Mrs Lucy Casey	Middleboro
20	William J Westgate	"	Amelia F Keene	Acushnet
Apr 5	Benj Francis Messer	"	Bertha Love Baxter	Middleboro
7	Chas Everett Harlow	"	Mrs E F Hawkins	Wareham
19	Wm Lothrop Clark	"	Alice Lucy Bryant	Middleboro
26	William D Maxim	"	Lillie M Brackett	Middleboro
29	Harry W Shurtleff	"	Eva B Faunce	No. Carver
May 1	William L Faxon	"	Mary Jane Reynolds	Gloucester
20	Andrew J Phillips	"	Mary L Nelson	Middleboro
24	Norman McRitchie	Cape Breton,	Annie Matthewson	Cape Breton
June 6	Fred'k A Southwick	Middleboro	Elizabeth A Egger	Middleboro
7	Elmer E Phinney	"	Jennie Victoria Ellis	"
7	Jason F Thurston	"	Annie Russell Ellis	"
7	John J. Glass	"	Nellie Readon	Taunton
9	Franklin P Cole	"	Lucy A Bonney	Halifax
11	John C White	"	Fannie E Churbuck	Middleboro
11	William J Flynn	"	Hannah Casey	"
20	Wm W Nickerson	"	Eunice E Perkins	"
20	Arthur E Shaw	"	Georgiana F Thatcher	"
28	John Lynch	"	Margaret E Crowley	"
28	Harry L Clark	"	Lelia E Gifford	"
July 2	W E C Vaughan	Carver	Lina M Gammons	"
4	Leroy E Taft	Middleboro	Bettie Adel Dodge	"
5	James H Sherman	"	Sarah L Bingham	Belfast, Me
7	Jesse L LeBaron	"	Georgie E Chapman	Middleboro
21	Orren C Harding	Acushnet	Lilly C Tripp	"
28	James Tobin	Medfield	Julia Anna Swift	"
Aug 20	Walter F Simmons	Middleboro	Lucy A White	Taunton
30	Otto Rudolph	"	Hattie A Erler	Middleboro
Sept 9	Edgar C Sturtevant	"	Ida M Osborne	Halifax
11	Arthur P Holmes	Brockton	Minnie W Smith	Middleboro
15	Truman W Douglas	Kingston	Ethel May Wright	Plympton
18	Herbert H Tripp	Middleboro	Annie M Sawyer	Middleboro

MARRIAGES.—*Continued.*

Date	Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence
Oct 3	Walter L Beals	Middleboro	Ellá M Lucas	Manchester
3	Albert Deane	"	Irene L Soule	Middleboro
16	Edward P Raymond	Providence	Nancy Howe	"
30	Edward E Phillips	Middleboro	Lydia F Gibbs	"
31	Alvin E Thomas	"	Lucretia B Shurtleff	"
Nov 3	Albert H Gammons	"	Addie M. Butler	"
3	Foster T Wade	"	Jennie L Aldrich	"
10	Curtis H Dunham	"	Florence M Pearce	"
11	Ned Richardson	Bridgewater	Maude E Stevens	Veazie, Me
15	Jacob B Dunham	Middleboro	Hattie N Bolles	Middleboro
28	Sylvester H Keith	"	Anna B Lovell	"
28	Robert Finney	"	Clara Louise Shields	"
Dec 6	Jefferson H Moody	Randolph	Mrs E F Batchelder	"
8	Sylvanus L Brett	Middleboro	Gertrude Phinney	"
24	Thomas B West	"	Mrs Mary A Wood	"
26	Antoine Selbst	Taunton	Maria Susie	Taunton
25	Bernard E McMann	Middleboro	Susie F Sampson	Plymouth
31	Josiah Edwards Alden	"	Mrs Nellie C Alley	Lynn

BIRTHS RECORDED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN THE YEAR 1894.

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents	Maiden Name.
Jan 8	Clarence S Nichols	Oliver and Nellie	Bent
22	Evelyn Mary Nado	William and Julia E	Stratton
28	Ethel F Morrison	John H and Rosetta J	Tripp
29	John Everett Carter	Thomas and Edith A	Morse
Feb 7	John Westgate Shaw	Joseph L and Mary	Smith
8	Annie Beatrice Job	Herbert K and Elsie A	Curtis
18	Arthur G Sherman	A Frank and Mabel	Snow
21	Herbert E Godfrey	Herbert E and Alice M	Bridgham
21	Edmund W Baker	Bernaïd F and Agnes	Harrison
26	Louis Rivier	Favino Rivier and Zandome	
Mar 1	Wm P McCausland	William and Mary R	Ryan
10	Albert Foster Soule	Edward E and Addie	Washburn
12	Joseph P Whittemore	Hiram and Nellie F	Huckins
12	Eva Potter	Joseph and Clara	Lavine
15	Elizabeth M Linden	Charles and Annie	Harrigan
16	Ralph W Bradeen	Oliver H and Etta M	Debeck
20	Madeline A Pitman	George A and Etta	Norvelle
22	Blanche F Baker	Benoni F and Carrie L	Jefferson
22	William Leo Berniao	John and Clotida	Portias
25	Mary R Bissounette	Peter and Mary	Caucax
29	Joseph Domatto	Paul and Rosa	Silvia
Apr 1	Earl Francis Shaw	Elmer F and Alice M	Eaton
6	Harrison Ray Doty	Harrison D and Minnie F	Ring
8	Howard G Wright	Frederick and Lizzie	Pierce
9	John BaptisteBoutine	John and Annie	Gregory
10	Wm T Chamberlain	William and Annie	McKenzie
11	George Earl White	William L and Addie M	Trafford
22	Pasquello Antonio	Jenerold and Lautrais	Constance
24	Gertrude A Lakey	Walter T and Mary N	Sing
24	Walter A Tenney Jr	Walter A and Martha R	McCullouch
25	Harold L Pittsley	Harry W and Emma E	Hayward
29	Elsie May Lewis	Frank A and Lizzie	Sears
May 7	Edna Austln Curley	Thomas and Mary	Morley
8	Howard A Hopkins	Herbert E and Mary M	Hawn
17	George N Benoit	George and Adelia	Morris
17		Howard C Smith and Addie	Bahn
17	Helen May Butman	Will C and Ida B	McIntyre
20	Marguerette Collins	Michael J and Dorothy	
20	Laforest H Vickery	Seth L and Amy C	Ryder
23	Mary Ellen Creedon	Timothy and Mary E	Sullivan
24	Herman M Fuller	Adelbert and Alice	Doolan
28	Caleb Cushing	Alfred M and Flora M	Shurtleff
June 7	Helen E LeBaron	E Leonard and Hattie A J	Murdock
9	Gertrude C Thomas	Ichabod B and Elmira J	Thomas
10	Ernest T Morgan	Thomas and Lena M	Shaw
11	Wallace G Ford	Ernest C and Florence E	
11	Henry Shaw Fisher	Charles B and Olive M	Weston
12	Edmund Russell	James H and Mary E	Crossen
14	Mary P Pasquello	Dominick and Maria	Cappello
15	Ellen A Courtney	Leo and Mary E	O'Keefe

BIRTHS.—Continued.

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents.	Maiden Name
J'ne 16	Flora Winifred Sweet	Charles W and Hannah T	Sherman
17	Ruth Osgood Bryant	William O and Mary E	Shaw
17	Anna McCarthy	Michael and Bridget	Murphy
17	Helen S Alden	Arthur P and Lizzie W	Slocum
20	Manuel G DeRosa	Joseph and Mortina	Morti
23	Raymond S Perkins	Ernest and Addie T	Tyler
25	William E Sullivan	Michael and Helen	Higgins
25	Marion M Bryant	Horace L and Ida F	Lee
27	Maud Lindley Bump	Myron E and Bessie F	Merrihew
27	Horace A McFarlin	Frederick A and Nellie	Thomas
30	Alva H Wentworth	Alvah H and Lucy J	Casey
July 1	TrixeY Gay	Rudolphus and Nellie	Blee
3	Caroline E Bryant	Walter T and Susan E	Freeman
3	Amelia Morris	Amos and Mary	Servia
6	Eva May Hall	Frederick and Mary	Dorcet
11	Julian H Witbeck	Harry A and Susan H	Main
16	Frieda S Krauss	Bernard and Mary	Rudolph
16	Francis Grant	Patrick and Catherine	Casey
20	Mary Alice De Rosa	Antonio and Maria	Beno
20	Mazelle F Morrill	Charles E and Lillian P	Farrington
22	Mary L Legerre	Adolphus and Bridget	Connor
28	Cleon Preston Smith	Jabez F and Mary E	Goff
Aug 4	Helen M Thomas	Cephas F and Nellie F	Currier
12	Ida May Boullion	Peter and Alameda	Boullion
16	Nina Almira Pond	Alfred D and Orzelia	Perry
20	Helen L Holmes	Seth L and Elizabeth W	Drake
31	Ralph J McCarthy	Eugene H and Mary G	Harrington
Sept 7	Hester A Williams	J Frank and Jessie C	Taylor
8	Katherine Leonard	William C and Agnes W	Shaw
11	Orrin Leslie Young	Sanford L and Emma L	Palmer
15	Edna Richmond Gay	Bradley L and Catherine	
17	Arleen F Cross	J Everett and Martha J	Mann
18	Mary Ruth Kilroy	Richard and Delia	DeVine
20	Elihu B M Spooner	Walter B and Lucy A	Morse
24	Gertrude A Porter	John C and Edith M	Coffin
25	Florence M Hathaw'y	Louis E and Annie E	Green
27	Helen M Humphrey	L Clifton and Lizzie M	
Oct 1	Gertrude H Morrison	John and Nellie	Boardman
4	Edward C Griffith	Calvin C and Lucy B	Tinkham
4	Mazie May Millard	Cornelius S and Lucretia A	Kilton
5	William L Bouchee	Celix and Mary L	Taitis
6	Laurana W Wilbur	Ansel C and Mary R	Weston
6	Rosarioe Brisbeaux	Philemore and Marea	Geneais
13	Mary Welch	Patrick and Susan	Harrington
14	Lillian M Nourse	Rufus J Jr and Sallie	Griffin
16	Mary Jane Rabelle	Venientia and Anna J	Caprello
27	Theodore F Mendall	L Bertrand and Florence R	Francis
29	Gertrude P Bliss	Charles A and Nina P	Smith
Nov 4	Rhoda Carr Bourne	Ezra J and Lucy H	Jones
5	Fred Clifton Lovell	Benj P W Jr and Nellie F	Williams

BIRTHS.—*Continued.*

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents	Maiden Name
Nov 8	Marg'ret A Houlihan	David and Delia	Higgins
	Annie F Furnier	Nevenis and Angelia	Testis
	27 Mary Canavan	Joseph and Mary	Shea
Dec 2	29 Laura A Thomas	Stephen H and Annie M	Gunderway
	2 Manuel DeRosa	Antonio and Constina	Audne
	8 Florence M Messer	Benjamin F and Bertha L	Baxter
	14 Hannah J Haskins	David H and Abbie	Haskell
	14	George E and Ella E	Gould
	19 Florence E Cushing	Galen N and Rosie M	Jefferson

DEATHS RECORDED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN THE YEAR 1894.

Date	Name	Age			Disease
		Y	M	D	
Jan 1	Alfred Sabins	69	9	13	Bright's disease
6	Joseph Boucher		3	24	Fits
8	Isaac G Grew	70	9		Kidney trouble
13	Mary C Whitcomb	60	2		Heart failure
14	Antonio Rabello		4	23	Fits
15	Arlon R Dustin		4		Heart failure
20	Bartholomew Wool	54			Railroad accident
21	Elizabeth L Thompson	82	11	21	Heart failure
22	William Bourne Wood	62	2	26	" "
23	Hannah N Chandler	67	9		" "
23	Tyler Peirce	77	10	19	Pneumonia
23	Eleanora K White	81	9	5	Heart failure
27	John Francis Taggard	43	3		Shock
27	Mary E Robertson	59	4	22	Anæmia
28	Benjamin F Thompson	83	7	4	Heart disease
Feb 1	Mary F Standish	69			Intestinal paralysis
6	Patrick Sullivan	71			Pneumonia
15	Warren Soule	45			Consumption
22	Stephen Courtney	6	3		Brain fever
23	Mary E Reidy	33			Consumption
23	Alendo McKenney	64	1	10	Heart disease
20	James Waterman	83	6	15	Chronic diffuse
27	Julia A Bump	70	9	4	Heart disease
Mar 2	Harry Williams Thomas	27	11		Consumption
6	Charles Simmons	81	11	26	Old age
11	Franc D Sparrow	35	4	22	Scirrhus
12	Stillman S Andrews	77	6	21	Old age
15	Gideon Shurtleff Thomas	60	10	15	Phthisis
27	Betsey Thrasher	71	7	24	Heart disease
29	Susan P Beals	86	5	6	Paralysis
Apr 2	Betsey C Cobb	80	9	14	Pneumonia
13	Ida Francis Alden	34	7	24	Puerperal peritonitis
8	Maria Adeline Andrews	64	5	8	Carcinoma [mia
11	Katie L Trask	34	6		Pelvic peritonitis pyæ-
20	Clifton L Hall		7	18	Serenita meningitis
21	Charles A Crafts	8	5	26	Accidental drowning
21	Watson F Jones	82	2	23	Pneumonia
22	Joshua Rich	72	6	19	Apoplexy shock
25	Lavinia Francis Raymond		11	11	Meningitis
May 2	Margaret Callan	65			Bright's disease
7	Hannah B Tinkham	65	5	24	Heart failure
12	Austin Lovell	75	3	4	" "
13	Louisa B Wood	93	4	26	Cerebral effusion
17	Edwin Soule	66	10	21	Heart failure
19	Eliza A Brown	84			Capillary bronchitis
14	Julia E Murphy	25	1	2	Gastric catarrh
20	John L Bowman	72	7	11	Unknown

DEATHS—Continued.

Date	Name	Age			Disease
		Y	M	D	
May 23	Fanny Shaw	87	10	19	Capillary bronchitis
June 9	Catherine A Totten	65	4	28	
	Charles C Mellen	70	6		Bright's disease
10	Florence M Tinkham	36	3	11	Heart trouble
July 2	James Harrington	3			Inflammation of brain
3	Eleanor B Wood	76	4	18	Softening of brain
5	Ellen A Clark	50	7	13	Bright's disease
	Isaac Bryant	65	3	15	Softening of brain
	Thomas B Chisholm	75	11		Cerebral congestion
7	Samuel N Wood	70	1		Diabetes, gangrene
	Sophia C Kenney	83	3	8	Paralytic insanity
9	Dorothy Louise Crossen	7	6	6	Consumption
12	Trixy Gay			12	Congestion of brain
	George M Wood	23	6	8	Tuberculosis
21	Cordelia C Crossman	67			Consumption
26	Henry Noll, Jr		10	2	Cholera infantum
19	Moses E Ham, Jr	35			Consumption
26	William H Crossen	46	3	3	Heart disease
28	Emma J Farnham	21	9	24	Consumption
Aug 10	Millard H Schlueter		11	5	Cholera infantum
24	Ruth Francis Conway	1	6	12	Stoppage
	Delia C Conant	35	9	15	Lymphatonitis
Sept 1	Gilba T Goodwich		3		Cholera infantum
2	Charles Michael Fuller	2	6		Malignant scarlet fever
1	James H Houlihan				Cholera infantum
4	Betsey B Scanlin	76	9		
7	Henry E Davis	58			Hemorrhage of lungs
12	Florence C Swift	13			Drowning
16	Charles W Drake	45	5		Consumption
17	Mary A Bulley	23	8	29	"
19	Arabella F Holloway	31			Brain disease
24	Jacob E Hathaway	82	11	13	Old age
25	Pamelia A Carver	72	2	4	Consumption
	Mary W Thompson	73	6		Atheroma
30	Priscilla D H Warren	60	9	23	Cancer
	Charles F Peirce	77		23	Senile paresis
Oct 4	Ellen McFarland			1	Lack of development
5	Thomas James Hincks Jr	61	6	23	Acute peritonitis
15	Ethel M Wilbur	16	7	17	Tuberculosis
	Nathaniel C Perkins	78	11	3	Gastric catarrh
18	Eliza B Sherman	71	4	23	Heart disease
22	Catherine Cummings Pratt	85	10	10	
23	William E Vaughn	34		2	Typhoid fever
26	Abigail L Bump	82	11	22	Cancer
30	Flora M Cushing	32	4	23	Consumption
31	Henry S B Smith	56	3	19	Phthisis pulmonalis
Nov 2	Henry A Ford	66			Heart failure

DEATHS—*Concluded.*

Date	Name	Age			Disease
		Y	M	D	
Nov 20	Ebenezer A Shaw	54	5	26	Accident
21	William H Swift	52	8	26	Consumption of liver
26	Anna M White	55	4	4	Cancer
30	Charles Reed	70			Hemorrhage of stomach
Dec 5	Edward Boardman	60			Accident
17	Sarah P Keith	78	4	11	Pneumonia
	Harriett Newell Deane	74	11	17	
22	Byron B Dunham	22	1	14	Phthisis pulmonalis
24	Elizabeth S Weston	50	9	13	Pneumonia
28	John McCrillis	84	7	7	Old age

SUMMARY.

The following are the statistics of marriages, births and deaths recorded in Middleborough for the year 1894:

MARRIAGES.

Number of Marriages recorded	.	.	.	.	58	
Oldest groom	.	.	63	Oldest bride	.	58
Youngest groom	.	.	19	Youngest bride	.	16
First marriage of 95 persons	Males	48	Females	47		
Second marriage of 21 persons	Males	10	Females	11		

116 58 couples

BIRTHS.

Number of Births recorded	110		
Males	.	.	.	44	Females	.	.	66

DEATHS.

Number of deaths recorded	110
Males 59	Females 51
Stillborn 3	Under one year 10
Between 1 and 5 years 3	Between 40 and 50 yrs. 4
Between 5 and 10 years 3	Between 50 and 60 yrs. 9
Between 10 and 20 years 3	Between 60 and 70 yrs. 18
Between 20 and 30 years 6	Between 70 and 80 yrs. 24
Between 30 and 40 years 10	Between 80 and 90 yrs. 16
Between 90 and 100 years 1	

DOGS.

Whole number of dogs licensed in 1894	.	.	455		
Males	.	432	Females	.	23

AUGUSTUS M. BEARSE,

Town Clerk.

VOTE OF MIDDLEBOROUGH,

NOVEMBER 6, 1894.

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
WHOLE NUMBER OF VOTES CAST . . .	61	854	915

For Governor.

George H. Cary of Lynn had . . .	41	41
Frederick T. Greenhalge of Lowell . .	51	602
Alfred W. Richardson of Springfield . .	3	71
John E. Russell of Leicester . . .	6	183
David Taylor of Boston	5	5
Blanks	1	13

Lieutenant-Governor.

Wilbert O. Dwinell of Danvers had . .	1	44
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke . . .	5	5
Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston . . .	3	83
Charles E. Stratton of Boston . . .	5	174
Roger Wolcott of Boston	49	576
D. D. Sullivan of Middleborough . .	1	1
Blanks	3	32

Secretary of State.

Charles A. DeCoursey of Lawrence had .	6	161
Wilbert D. Farnham of Somerville . .	1	52
Joseph F. Malloney of Lynn . . .	1	7

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
William M. Olin of Boston	50	551	601
Isaac W. Skinner of Brockton	1	46	47
Blanks	2	45	47

Treasurer and Receiver General.

Emil Auebach of Adams had	7	7
John M. Fisher of Attleborough	2	57 59
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield	8	167 175
Martin W. Moran of Boston	42	42
Henry M. Phillips of Springfield	50	536 586
Blanks	1	45 46

Auditor.

John W. Kimball of Fitchburg had	51	560	611
Maurice W. Landers of Pittsfield		35	35
Wilbur M. Purrington of Williamsburg	2	50	52
Charles N. Wentworth of Lynn		5	5
Alfred C. Whitney of Boston	6	163	169
Blanks	2	41	43

Attorney General.

Frank M. Forbush of Natick had	.	.	4	59	63	
Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn	.	.	7	167	174	
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford	.		48	545	593	
Frederick August Naglor of W. Springfield				4	4	
James Sumner of Milton	.	.	.	40	40	
Blanks	.	.	.	2	39	41

Councillor—First District.

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
Ziba C. Keith of Brockton had	52	594	596
George H. Palmer of Fairhaven	5	189	194
Jethro C. Brock	1		1
Blanks	3	71	74

Senator.

George Clarence Holmes of Brockton had	10	237	247
James Cushing Leach of Bridgewater	49	540	589
Everett Robinson of Middleborough		1	1
Calvin D. Kingman of Middleborough	1	2	3
Blanks	1	74	75

Representative in General Court, 8th Plymouth District.

Samuel S. Bourne of Middleborough had	52	602	654
Thomas C. Collins of Middleborough	7	188	195
Andrew M. Wood of Middleborough		2	2
Blanks	2	62	64

County Commissioner.

Jedediah Dwelley of Hanover had	52	585	637
Daniel M. O'Brien of Rockland	6	161	167
Charles Bliss		1	1
Blanks	3	107	110

Special County Commissioner.

Oscar Calkins of Brockton had	7	170	177
Albert T. Sprague of Marshfield	51	583	634
G. T. Mitchell	1		1
Blanks	2	101	103

County Treasurer.

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
Elbridge Cushman of Lakeville had .	8	194	202
Albert Davis of Whitman	50	575	625
— Sawtelle	1		1
Blanks	2	85	87

Register of Deeds.

William S. Danforth of Plymouth had .	51	594	645
John G. Owens of Whitman	6	171	177
— Severance	1		1
Blanks	3	89	92

Representative in Congress, 12th District.

Elbridge Gerry Brown of Brockton had .	1	63	64
William H. Jordan of Brockton	7	167	174
Elijah A. Morse of Canton	50	567	617
John R. Merrick of Middleborough		3	3
Blanks	3	54	57

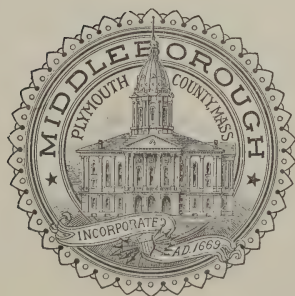
On the question, "Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution relative to the Commissioners of Insolvency be approved and ratified":

Yes	11	269	280
No	8	57	65
Blanks	42	528	570

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE

Town of Middleborough, Mass.

FOR 1894.



MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.:
MIDDLEBORO GAZETTE OFFICE.
1895.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Organization, 1894=95.

JOHN C. SULLIVAN, Chairman.

ASHER J. JACOBY, Secretary.

MEMBERS.

JOHN C. SULLIVAN,	-	-	-	-	-	Term expires,	1895.
AUGUSTUS H. SOULE,	-	-	-	-	-	" "	1895.
ADELINE V. WOOD,	-	-	-	-	-	" "	1896.
AUGUSTUS PRATT,	-	-	-	-	-	" "	1896.
CHARLES M. LEONARD,	-	-	-	-	-	" "	1897.
EBENEZER PICKENS,	-	-	-	-	-	" "	1897.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Teachers :—Mrs. WOOD and Messrs. SULLIVAN and PICKENS.

Text Books and Supplies :—Mrs. WOOD and Messrs. SULLIVAN and LEONARD.

High, Main Street, and West Side Schools :—Mr. SULLIVAN.

School Street, Thomastown, and Wappanucket Schools :—Mr. LEONARD.

Union Street and Fall Brook Schools :—Mr. PICKENS.

Pleasant Street and Plymouth Street Schools :—Mr. PRATT.

Thompsonville, Soule, and Waterville Schools :—Mr. SOULE.

Green, Nemasket, and Purchase Schools :—Mrs. WOOD.

South Middleboro, Highland, Rock, and Neck Schools :—The Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

ASHER J. JACOBY, 6 High Street.

Office, Room 7, Town Building.

Office Hours, school days : Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 4 to 5 P. M.
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 to 9 A. M.

The regular meetings of the Committee are held in Room 7, Town Building, on the first Thursday of each month, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

All bills against the School Department should be sent to the Secretary's office, Room 7, Town Building, not later than the Wednesday preceding the first Thursday of each month.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Middleborough:

The following report is respectfully submitted by your Committee:—

There has been expended for—

INSTRUCTION, FUEL, AND CARE OF SCHOOL- HOUSES.

High, Main Street, School Street, Union Street, and West Side buildings (janitors' salaries and fuel),	\$1,423 75
High School (instruction), . . .	3,007 00
Main Street School (instruction),	2,118 64
School Street School (instruction),	1,346 00
Union Street School (instruction),	1,038 00
West Side School (instruction),	255 00
Pleasant Street,	294 28
Plymouth Street,	324 42
Purchade,	380 90
Nemasket,	323 10
Thompsonville,	333 70
Soule,	320 40
Waterville,	335 10
Green,	343 80

Fall Brook,	\$354 40	
Thomastown,	330 15	
South Middleboro,	336 75	
Highland,	314 95	
Rock,	324 90	
Wappanucket,	341 89	
Neck,	82 40	
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TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

M. Josephine Hodgdon,	\$3 00
T. H. Castor & Co.,	4 31
Boston School Supply Co.,	7 50
University Publishing Co.,	68 75
D. Appleton & Co.,	7 00
J. L. Hammett,	127 27
John E. Potter & Co.,	37 00
D. C. Heath & Co.,	86 01
Arthur Hinds & Co.,	40 00
Lee and Shepard,	9 64
American Book Company,	369 71
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	32 64
Alfred L. Robbins Co.,	41 96
Brockton Book Bindery and Sup- ply Company,	14 75
Allyn & Bacon,	33 59
H. L. Thatcher & Co.,	90 06
D. Lothrop Company,	1 20
Ginn & Company,	313 61
Henry Holt & Co.,	17 50

Edw. E. Babb & Co.,	\$49 22	
The Prang Educational Company,	218 93	
The Educational Publishing Company,	8 54	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	19 58	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	22 19	
E. L. Kellogg & Co.,	16 83	
Thorp and Martin Co.,	7 20	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	49 00	
Franklin Educational Co.,	4 28	
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INCIDENTALS.

M. H. Cushing & Co.,	\$3 40	
Middleboro Gas and Electric Plant,	19 53	
William R. Whitcomb,	8 02	
New York and Boston Despatch Express Co.,	27 75	
H. A. Sparrow,	50 04	
H. L. Thatcher & Co.,	43 43	
E. F. Tinkham,	1 75	
A. P. Vaughan,	76 64	
George F. Day,	3 50	
T. Messer,	3 50	
Franklin Educational Co.,	2 50	
James M. Coombs,	43 75	
B. P. W. Lovell,	50	
Bernard Glancey,	75	
Lorenzo Wood,	1 85	
Frank Standish,	5 00	
Mrs. Courtney,	3 00	

Mrs. Adeline V. Wood,	.	.	.	\$50 00
J. S. Preston,	.	.	.	3 75
Edw. E. Sisson,	.	.	.	75
Jones Brothers,	.	.	.	25 00
Hiram Whittemore,	.	.	.	30 38
J. A. Burgess,	.	.	.	26 85
E. E. Weston,	.	.	.	18 45
Asher J. Jacoby,	.	.	.	95 50
Lucinda M. Phinney,	.	.	.	24 00
Charles E. Brown,	.	.	.	15 00
Everett T. Lincoln,	.	.	.	10 00
R. J. Nourse,	.	.	.	13 60
F. A. Nants,	.	.	.	9 50
W. H. Southworth,	.	.	.	24 50
L. F. Tinkham,	.	.	.	6 50
J. P. Morse,	.	.	.	5 45
D. M. Lufkin,	.	.	.	8 23
Middleborough Water Works,	.	.	.	6 00
A. R. Gurney,	.	.	.	3 00
E. H. Shaw,	.	.	.	2 00
Wood & Tinkham,	.	.	.	10 50
The Bobrick School Furniture Co.,	.	.	.	23 00
A. G. Hayes,	.	.	.	5 00
Charles M. Wilbur,	.	.	.	60
Henry K. Ellis,	.	.	.	5 65
F. W. Hayden,	.	.	.	6 11
R. E. Southworth,	.	.	.	5 45
Charles W. Drake,	.	.	.	20 63
J. & G. E. Doane,	.	.	.	50 30

Thomas W. Pierce,	\$64 36	
A. J. Pickens,	1 50	
A. H. Soule,	17 38	
A. J. Wood,	1 20	
M. M. Copeland,	14 00	
	<hr/>	\$899 05

TRANSPORTATION TO HIGH SCHOOL.

George A. Deane,	\$18 70
Ethel G. Nichols,	2 59
Stella F. Thomas,	13 38
Clifford T. Westgate,	17 55
Lizzie W. Wade,	17 55
Edith L. Thomas,	13 38
Jennie G. Shurtleff,	22 31
Nellie C. Benson,	22 31
Laura A. Atwood,	20 30
Etta F. Shaw,	22 31
Clarence L. Cushman,	17 55
Helen S. Maxim,	10 16
Florence B. Reed,	13 22
Herbert N. Davis,	12 01
Harry E. Bump,	4 54
Agnes Jenks,	16 63
Myron D. Place,	7 39
Helen W. Ham,	13 42
Elmer Benson,	7 39
Arthur S. Gibbs,	7 39
E. Jennie Washburn,	7 39
Lillie M. Tinkham,	7 39

Evie P. Southworth,	\$7 39	
Estella J. Shaw,	8 93	
Annie W. Morse,	3 65	
Alton S. Freeman,	7 00	
Lucy S. Weston,	10 95	
Clarence E. Smith,	9 25	
Everett Nichols,	1 75	
Bertha Shaw,	8 10	
	<hr/>	\$351 88

TRANSPORTATION FROM DISTRICTS.

Thomas J. Le Baron,	\$10 80	
D. N. Wetherbee,	31 50	
A. J. Wood,	280 88	
Mrs. Eugene Blackwell,	169 90	
Arad R. Dunham,	111 00	
J. H. Vaughan,	184 50	
E. A. Shaw,	180 00	
H. G. Porter,	45 35	
Ely Hoffman,	49 50	
A. A. Savery,	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,072 43

SUMMARY FOR 1894.

RECEIPTS.

Regular appropriation,	\$19,000 00	
Tuition, non-resident pupils,	228 00	\$19,228 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Salaries, fuel, and care of buildings, \$15,312 87	
Text-books and supplies,	1,701 07
Incidentals,	899 05
Transportation to High School,	351 88
Transportation from districts,	1,072 43
Town of Carver, tuition,	100 89
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Your Committee had confidently hoped that a sum equal to last year's appropriation would be amply sufficient for the support of the schools for the ensuing year; but upon a careful and conservative estimate of the amount necessary to defray the expenses for the coming year, we find that the amount (\$21,000) submitted in our estimate is imperatively demanded. This increase in appropriation can be readily accounted for by the fact that the coming year two additional schools will be maintained in the West Side school building, that by order of the State Inspector of Public Buildings the boiler in the High School building is to be thoroughly overhauled and supplied with new tubes, that the joints between the bricks in the outside walls of the building are to be thoroughly cemented, and that many needed repairs must be made on some of the other

buildings. An increase of 111 pupils over last year as appears by the Superintendent's report means an increased appropriation for their education. The money appropriated by the town for the education of its children is spent by your Committee with the most rigid economy consistent with the efficiency of our public schools.

The school-house on Union Street is ill adapted to the purposes of a school. It cannot be heated in cold weather, which, from regard for the health of the pupils, often makes it necessary for the teachers to dismiss the schools. Even when it is well heated the ventilation is so poor that conditions of existence in the school rooms are no better. To put the building in a suitable condition would involve so large an outlay that your Committee hesitate to spend any more money on it hoping that at no far distant day the town will replace it with a building better adapted for school purposes.

Having approved the following report of the Superintendent, we respectfully ask your attention to the same.

JOHN C. SULLIVAN.

AUGUSTUS H. SOULE.

ADELINE V. WOOD.

AUGUSTUS PRATT.

EBENEZER PICKENS.

CHARLES M. LEONARD.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee:

I have the honor of submitting to you my second annual report of the public schools of the town for the year ending December 31, 1894. It will constitute the tenth of the series of annual reports of the Superintendent of Schools.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Population of the town, 1890, (U. S. Census)	6,065
Estimated population	7,500
Number of children in the town between the ages of 5 and 15, May, 1894	934
Number between 5 and 15, May, 1893	909
Increase during the year	25
Number of children in the town between the ages of 8 and 14, May, 1894	547
Number between 8 and 14, May, 1893	531
Increase during the year	16

SCHOOLHOUSES.

Number occupied	19
Number of rooms occupied	29
Number of recitation rooms used . .	2
Number of buildings heated by steam .	1
Number of buildings heated by hot air furnaces	3
Number of buildings heated by stoves .	15

SCHOOLS.

High school rooms	3
Grammar school rooms, grades 4-9 . .	7
Primary school rooms, grades 1-3 . .	4
Ungraded schools	15

Pleasant Street, Plymouth Street, Purchase, Nemas-
ket, Thompsonville, Soule, Waterville, Green, Fall
Brook, Thomastown, South Middleboro, Highland,
Rock, Wappanucket, and Neck.

(These schools are ungraded in that different grades are organized into one school, and taught by one teacher.)

TEACHERS.

Number of teachers employed, including assistants (actual number in service at close of year)	30
High school (men, 1; women, 3) . .	4
Grammar schools (men, 1; women, 6) .	7
Primary schools (women)	5
Ungraded schools (women)	14
Increase over previous year	1

PUPILS.

	1892.	1893.	1894.
Whole number of pupils enrolled	1072	1090	1201
Average number belonging .	842	853	940
Average daily attendance . . .	734	745	860
Percentage of daily attendance to average number belonging	87.2	87.3	91.5
Number of half days' absence .			29529
Number of cases of tardiness .			3009
Number of cases of dismissal .			2497
Number of cases of truancy .			23
Number of pupils in the village schools			766
Number of pupils under five years of age			11
Number between five and six .			115
Number between six and seven .			107
Number between seven and eight			108
Number between eight and nine			118
Number between nine and ten .			104
Number between ten and eleven			113
Number between eleven and twelve			107
Number between twelve and thir- teen			92
Number between thirteen and fourteen			102
Number between fourteen and fifteen			98
Number between fifteen and six- teen			66
Number over sixteen			94

REMARKS ON THE STATISTICS.

There has been an increase in the number of pupils enrolled, and the same is true of the average number belonging and the average daily attendance. The percentage of daily attendance has increased from 87.2 per cent. in 1892 to 91.5 per cent. in 1894, a gain of 4.3 per cent.

The number of cases of tardiness is larger than the year before, but the percentage of this number to the number of pupils enrolled is less. While this is an improvement, the number is too large. In some schools it was largely due to the children of the same family or of several families. In others it was more general. The resulting evils are very evident. Children coming late injure the school by lowering its record, interrupting the work, and taking time that rightfully belongs to others. They injure themselves by wasting time that should be devoted to school work, and forming a habit that will be a hindrance to them in life. I believe that many parents realize this and are coöperating with the teachers in their efforts to overcome the evil. If all parents would do this the work of our teachers would be more successful.

There has been a decrease in the number of cases of truancy. The report of one of the truant officers, Mr. James A. Burgess, is herewith transmitted (See Exhibit H), and I respectfully call your attention to the same.

COST OF SCHOOLS.

The cost of the schools during the year was \$19,438.19, an increase of \$1,147.11 over that of the preceding year.

The average cost per pupil on whole enrollment was \$16.18, and on average number belonging \$20.67, a decrease of 60 cents and 68 cents respectively from that of the previous year. This decrease is in part due to the fact that the schools below the High school were in session thirty-eight weeks, while the year before they were in session forty weeks. If, however, we add to the actual amount expended the cost of maintaining the schools for two weeks longer, we find that the cost per pupil is still below that of the preceding year. While the decrease is partly due to the shortening of the school term, it is mainly due to an increase in the number of pupils.

It is interesting to note that while the appropriations have been increased from year to year, the cost of educating each pupil has not increased. The average cost per pupil on whole enrollment for the four years preceding the past was \$16.04, and on average number belonging \$20.99.

To increase the efficiency of our schools a larger appropriation will be needed for the coming year. Some of our buildings need repairs, and they should be better equipped with proper teaching apparatus. Although much has been done during the year in supplying the schools with books for daily use, more remains to be done, and reference books are greatly needed. An increase in the number of pupils means an increase in the number of teachers and in needed text-books and supplies.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

The rapid growth of the West Side made it evident that a school building was needed in that part of the town. An appropriation was accordingly made for the purpose, and the building was ready for occupancy at the opening of the schools in September.

It is a wooden structure, two stories in height. Its exterior dimensions are 54 x 50 feet. It has four school rooms, two on each floor, and each capable of seating forty-eight pupils. A corridor extends entirely across one side of the building, with a staircase and teacher's room at each end. It is heated by two furnaces, has a modern system of ventilation, and is well lighted. The rooms are furnished with adjustable desks and seats. It is well adapted for school purposes, and credit is due to the members of the building committee, Messrs. George E. Wood and John C. Sullivan, for the manner in which the work was done and the good results obtained.

The building was dedicated, with appropriate exercises, Friday, October 19, at 2 o'clock P. M. (See Exhibit E.) The corridors and rooms were appropriately decorated with autumn foliage and the national colors. A large and enthusiastic audience was present, and many availed themselves of the opportunity to inspect the building at the close of the exercises. Hon. Frank A. Hill, Secretary of the State Board of Education, was the principal speaker.

Mr. Hill spoke at length, expressing at the outset his embarrassment in adapting his talk to his audience, since there were before him all stages of life from the cradle to

the grave. He congratulated the town upon the completion and equipment of so commodious an edifice. The dedication of a public school building is a suitable event for the flaming up of an interest that ordinarily is quiet, steady, and devoid of the sensational. The enthusiasm of this occasion will, of course, subside since no zeal can be kept at a white heat and endure, but the people's interest may be trusted to keep on in its old undemonstrative but effective way.

This new building marks progress. It is one of the numerous evidences of educational advance. There has been gain not only in structure and equipment, but in the appreciation of psychological principles, in the understanding of child nature, and in the science and art of teaching,—not in every teacher, indeed, but in a general way, all along the educational line. The history of the normal schools is one expression of the progress that has been made. In 1839, under the leadership of Horace Mann, the first normal school in Massachusetts and in the western world was established at Lexington, only three persons applying for admission at the outset. Today we have six large normal schools, with thousands of graduates, and the State has authorized the establishment of four more.

Mr. Hill then gave in detail the various steps taken by the State to encourage the professional training of teachers.

In conclusion he said that two classes of qualifications entered into the preparation of the successful teacher, one class being beyond the reach of institutions since they

were the gifts of bountiful nature. The other class was obtainable in the public schools and especially in our great and steadily improving system of normal schools.

The volunteer militia of Massachusetts recently passed in review before the Governor. It was a soul-inspiring sight. But there is a grander army still in the State,—an army of 400,000 boys and girls, drilling under the stars and stripes in thousands of camps from the sands of Barnstable to the hills of Berkshire,—the real defence and glory of the Commonwealth. The most pressing need of the State today is loyal, well-trained, capable officers to drill this mighty host aright.

TEACHERS.

“As is the teacher, so is the school,” is trite, but nevertheless true. Given school buildings architecturally most beautiful; sanitary conditions as perfect as modern science has been able to make them; apparatus, the best and enough of it; text books, the product of the best thinkers and teachers, combined with the practical wisdom and experience of publishers; reference books, the very latest and best;—in short, model buildings with model equipments;—the school cannot be better than the teacher. It is true that proper material equipments and conditions greatly aid the teacher in his work; but the fact remains, in order to have good schools good teachers are necessary.

Since the efficiency of a school depends so much upon the teacher, great care should be exercised in the employment of them. Our policy during the year has been to

employ only such persons who had received a good High school education, or its equivalent, and who in addition had received professional training in a teachers' training class or normal school, or who had successful experience elsewhere. The natural aptitudes, character, and health of the persons were carefully considered. The results I believe have justified the course pursued, and I recommend that the same policy be continued and perfected during the coming year.

Our teachers as a body are earnest, painstaking, and conscientious. The professional spirit among them is good and improving.

In my report last year I called attention to the fact that in order to ascertain the professional character of our teaching force, a circular was sent to each teacher in December, which among other subjects, inquired as follows :

- (a) Where were you educated?
- (b) What works on education have you read?
- (c) What educational papers do you subscribe for or read?

The circular was replied to by every teacher, and the answers were placed on file. In December of the present year each teacher gave me a list of the educational papers and books read during the year. A comparison of the two lists revealed the fact that there has been a marked improvement in this respect.

Dr. Fitch says: "One of the most hopeful auguries for the education of the future is to be found in the recent and steady growth of a valuable educational litera-

ture." Teachers owe it to themselves, and especially to the children who come under their instruction and influence, to familiarize themselves with this literature. All teachers should be careful students of education, and it is most encouraging that the number of such is increasing. It is a significant fact that, other things being equal, those who read and think the most along educational lines show the most improvement in their work.

The following list contains the names of those who resigned during the year and at its close :

F. Gertrude Coolidge, . . .	High School.
Annie M. Greene, . . .	High School.
M. Josephine Hodgdon, . .	High School.
Laura J. Blaisdell, . . .	Union Street School.
Mary E. Hatch, . . .	Main Street School.
Clara W. Eaton, . . .	Plymouth Street School.
Florence L. Jefferson, . .	Waterville School.
Cora E. Hall, . . .	Highland School.
Ada C. Fisher, . . .	Neck School.
May H. Sears, . . .	Wappanucket School.
Bessie L. Churbuck, . . .	Thomastown School.

The Neck school was closed, and the pupils of that section were transported to Wappanucket.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

Teachers' meetings are one of the best means of increasing efficiency in teaching. They require much time, thought, and labor on the part of the superintendent, but observation and experience have convinced me that it is

time and effort well spent. Mr. A. W. Edson, agent of the State Board of Education, says: "The most satisfactory teaching is invariably found in towns and cities where the superintendent meets his teachers frequently for the purpose of training them in the best phases of modern education."

During the past year general meetings of all the teachers have been held monthly. Educational topics that were of general interest were discussed. Mr. J. W. MacDonald, agent of the State Board of Education, was present at one of these meetings, and gave a helpful talk on "Aim and Purpose in Teaching."

During the winter and spring terms four special meetings were held each month for the teachers of each department—high, grammar, primary and ungraded. At the beginning of the fall term the number was increased to five, and other changes were made. (See Exhibit G.)

The principal of the High school has held weekly meetings with his teachers. This has led to a unity of spirit and plan which has been beneficial to the school.

A teachers' institute, under the direction of the State Board of Education, was held here Tuesday, November 20. It was a successful and profitable one, the teachers being greatly benefited.

PEDAGOGICAL CLUB.

In the last annual report an account was given of the organization of the Middleborough Pedagogical Club, having for its object the mutual improvement of its members

along educational lines and the advancement of education. It has steadily gained in membership, and the interest is increasing. A number of persons not teachers have become members. During the year a systematic study of Educational Psychology has been made.

TRAINING CLASS.

A teachers' training school was established in 1891. The object for which it was established and its services rendered were of such a nature that I said in the last annual report, "The question is not whether it shall be continued, but how it may be improved."

Observation and practice during the first three years were limited to the second grade, and during the first part of the past year to the first and second grades. It became evident that these limitations were too narrow. The student should have an opportunity to observe and practice in all the grades of the elementary schools; therefore the training school should include all these grades. Furthermore, it should be confined to one building. Since we had no building that contained all the grades, these requirements could not be met. After due deliberation the Committee voted to discontinue the school, and authorized the superintendent to organize a teachers' training class. The school accordingly was discontinued at the close of the winter term.

At the beginning of the spring term a training class was organized. Its object is to provide a course of professional instruction and training for those graduates of our

High school, and for other persons having the necessary qualifications, who wish to fit themselves for the important duties that devolve upon the teachers of our public schools. While we must recognize that personal gifts and natural aptitudes are partly responsible for the difference between the skilled and the unskilled teacher, professional preparation and training are also necessary to true success in the work, and at the present day no one should be allowed to begin the work of teaching without it. I believe with Dr. Fitch that it is proved that some acquaintance with the theory, history, and rules of teaching may often serve to turn one who would be a moderate teacher into a good one, a good one into a finished and accomplished artist, and even those who are least qualified by nature into serviceable helpers.

The work of the class as now organized is as follows:

(1) Observation of the teaching of the regular teachers of each of the nine grades below the High school.

(2) Practice in teaching classes in the different grades after having gained the ability through study and observation to do so with a fair degree of skill. The superintendent may assign the students to serve as substitutes for the regular teachers, and this has been done whenever the occasion required it.

(3) A course of instruction in Psychology Applied to Education, Educational Methods and Aims, School Management, and the History of Education. Two hours a week of recitation work are required of each student. A

text book is used in each subject and made the basis of instruction.

The requirements for admission are as follows: Persons graduated from our High school in any one of the three courses, and persons graduated in equivalent courses from other institutions of equal or higher grade, are admitted without examination. Other applicants must pass an entrance examination on the studies usually included in a four years' High school course.

The length of the course is one year. I realize that this is too short a time in which to make that thorough professional preparation which is essential for so important a work as teaching, but it is much better than no special preparation. Our normal schools are not as yet able to supply the demand for trained teachers, and we must either furnish training ourselves or supply some of our schools with untrained teachers.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The conditions and needs of the school are clearly set forth in the principal's report which is herewith transmitted. (See Exhibit B.) I heartily indorse the positions therein taken.

PROMOTIONS.

The regulations governing the promotion of pupils in the elementary schools have been in force nearly a year, and I believe that they have proven beneficial to our schools. It is hoped that the regulations governing the promotions in the High school may be revised at an early day.

DEPARTMENTAL TEACHING.

At the beginning of the fall term in September departmental teaching was introduced into the three highest grades of our grammar school. Each teacher was placed in charge of a grade as before, but instead of teaching all the subjects of the grade, taught one or more subjects throughout the three grades. During the term the different subjects were taught as follows: Arithmetic by the principal of the school; Geography and History by the teacher of the eighth grade; and Music, Drawing, Writing, and Physiology and Hygiene by the teacher of the seventh grade. English was taught by the teacher of each grade as before.

I believe that this plan of teaching has decided advantages over the old way, and our experience of twelve weeks sustains this view. The teachers like it better, because they can do better work, and nearly all the pupils prefer it.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Our course of study in the grammar schools was divided into six grades, each grade covering a year's work. Regular promotions were made in June of each year. The fact was recognized, however, that in every class there are pupils who can do the work in less time, and that if they are kept back they will get into bad habits caused by keeping the pace of the slower pupils. This was partly overcome by promoting individual pupils who seemed to be able to do the work of the next higher grade, at any

time during the year. This made the system more flexible and gave some relief; but it left gaps in the pupil's work which, in some cases, were seriously felt later on.

The introduction of a system that would give an opportunity to all pupils who could do all the work of the course in less time, without injury to their health, and without destroying the organization of the schools, was much to be desired. After making a careful study of a number of systems, the conclusion was reached that the one in use in the schools of Cambridge possessed the most advantages, and would be better adapted to our schools than any other. A visit to the schools of that city confirmed this conclusion. The system merited your approval, and in December the fourth and seventh grades were organized accordingly. The plan as introduced is as follows:

The course of study is divided in two ways: (1) to cover six years; (2) to cover four years.

The six years' course is divided as before into six grades called the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. The four years' course is divided into four grades called grades A, B, C, and D.

When pupils enter the grammar schools they will begin the year's work together, but at the end of two or three months they will be separated into two divisions, remaining in the same room under the same teacher. During the year one division (fourth grade) will complete one-sixth of the course, and the other division (grade A) will complete one-fourth of it.

During the second year grade B will be in the same room as the sixth grade. At the end of the year both grades will have completed one-half of the course of study—the one in two years and the other in three years.

The plan for the last half of the course is the same as for the first half.

The course may also be completed in five years in two ways: (1) A pupil in the four years' course may, at the end of two years, be transferred to the seventh grade and complete the remainder of the course in three years. (2) A pupil in the six years' course may, at the end of three years, be transferred to grade C and complete the remainder of the course in two years. These changes do not necessitate the omitting or repeating any part of the course.

The system does not increase the number of classes, for under the old plan the pupils of a grade were divided for the purposes of teaching into two divisions, one practically as far advanced as the other, and placed in a room under the instruction of one teacher. We believe that by this system we will be able to give pupils the opportunity to make the most of every year in the grammar schools.

During the year Physical Geography was introduced into the ninth grade, and such changes were made in the other studies of the course as seemed most desirable, and it is the intention to do much more along this line during the coming year.

DRAWING AND MUSIC.

These subjects are now taught as regular studies in our schools. Our teachers have taken hold of the work in the

right spirit, and most of them are trying to do their best under present conditions.

The importance of the subjects and the good results that will follow if they are properly taught, demand that such provisions be made that the teaching may be as effectual as in the other subjects of the curriculum. The schools have been amply supplied with proper materials for the work; but if these materials are not properly used, and the teaching is not of the right sort, the results will not be commensurate with the time and expense involved. We need the services of a skilled supervisor, one who is able to instruct, guide, and inspire the teachers as well as the pupils, and I recommend that the services of such a person be secured.

FLAGS ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

During the year flags were raised with appropriate exercises on the following school buildings: Thompsonville, Soule, Wappanucket, Fall Brook, Nemasket, Purchade, Union Street, School Street, and West Side. A flag was also raised on the High School building, which took the place of the one worn out. All our buildings are now floating our country's flag.

A feature of the flag raising exercises (See Exhibit F) at the High School, Union Street, and School Street buildings was a school parade. In all 777 persons were in line, the total number of pupils being 696, of which 577 were from the village schools and 119 from six of the fourteen rural schools. Each of the village schools carried a ban-

ner bearing the name of the school, and each rural school carried the American flag. All the pupils wore ribbon badges bearing the name of the grade to which they belonged, and a small flag. It was a most inspiring sight to see such an army march by—an army which is a part of that large army into whose hands will be committed, sooner or later, the destinies of our glorious country.

It is a patriotic act to float a flag over a school-house, but, in the words of Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, “if the flag is not made to symbolize a love of country in the heart of the boy that will follow him to the ballot box as well as to the battlefield, and that will make him as willing to pay tax for the support of the government as to spend money upon a display of fireworks on the Fourth of July, then the floating of the flag will benefit no one except the manufacturers of bunting.”

Our public schools should instill into the hearts of the pupils a patriotism that will stimulate them to work for the best interests of home and country.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the School Committee, teachers and friends of the schools for the kind and generous support received from them.

Respectfully submitted.

ASHER J. JACOBY,

Superintendent of Schools.

EXHIBIT A.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE SCHOOLS, 1894.

SCHOOLS.	ROOMS.	TEACHERS.	GRADES.	Number Registered.	Average Membership.	Average Daily Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.
High.		Walter Sampson, <i>Prin.</i> Grace Allen. Susie J. Mantle. Jennie Bennett.		159	109	105	96
Main street.	4	John P. Arnold, <i>Prin.</i>	IX	54	51	48	94
	3	Annie A. Lovell.	VIII	48	42	40	94
	2	Nellie M. Bennett.	VII	51	47	45	95
	1	Flora L. Nickerson.	VI	46	44	42	90
School street.	3	Mary E. Frink, <i>Prin.</i>	V-VI	75	57	52	92
	2	H. Gertrude Holmes.	IV	53	44	41	94
	1	M. Evelyn Holloway.	III	55	45	42	93
Union street.	2	Flor. E. Thompson, <i>Prin.</i>	II	83	59	55	94
	1	Eleanor A. Barden.	I	93	69	60	86
		Edith A. Roberts, <i>Ass't.</i>					
West Side.	2	Eva M. Hopkins, <i>Prin.</i>	IV-VI	26	23	22	94
	1	Susan A. Dorrance.	I-III	47	41	38	93
Pleasant street.		E. Frances Dunham.	Mixed	39	21	19	91
Plymouth street.		Lillian M. Thomas.	"	20	14	13	90
Purchade.		Lucia A. Drake.	"	47	36	31	87
Nemasket.		Myra L. Atwood.	"	31	21	18	86
Thompsonville.		Mary E. Deane.	"	25	18	17	93
Soule.		Carrie E. Soule.	"	18	10	9	95
Waterville.		A. Belle Tenney.	"	37	23	20	87
Green.		Lizzie B. Lucas.	"	44	36	32	88
Fall Brook.		Sarah O. Morse.	"	28	21	18	88
Thomastown.		Bessie L. Churbuck.	"	37	26	23	90
So. Middleboro.		Nellie T. Alden.	"	31	24	21	82
Highland.		Emma N. Phinney.	"	19	11	9	82
Rock.		Carolyn H. Parker.	"	41	30	25	83
Wappanucket.		May H. Sears.	"	38	18	15	84

EXHIBIT B.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. A. J. Jacoby, Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:—I hereby submit a brief report of the High School for the year 1894:

ATTENDANCE.

The whole number of pupils attending the High School during the past year was 159, 94 girls and 65 boys, an increase, I think, over that of any previous year. The attendance has been very satisfactory and creditable to the school, the percentage of daily attendance to the average number belonging being 96. It seems to me that parents should coöperate with teachers to lessen, if possible, the frequency of tardiness and dismissals in the High School. The number of cases of tardiness for the year was 863, an average of over five per day or eight per student for the year, reckoning the average number belonging as 109. The number of cases of dismissal was 357. A great many of these was occasioned by pupils taking music lessons during school hours. A very large percentage of the cases of tardiness was accompanied by written excuses from the parent or guardian. It is an interesting fact to notice that pupils coming from a distance are seldom tardy, and almost all instances are caused by pupils living within half a mile of the school building.

ACCOMMODATIONS.

The attendance during the past term has been so large

that we have lacked room to carry on our work to the best advantage. Chairs and settees have been brought to the assembly-room to furnish seating capacity for the students, and one of the small dressing rooms has been utilized as a recitation room. In some of the classes the pupils have been crowded and the air has become vitiated from a surplus of numbers. I hope the time is not far distant when the town will have a building devoted exclusively to High School use.

COURSES.

Of the 159 scholars that have attended school during the year 16 have taken the Classical, 82 the English (Classical, (commonly known as Latin Scientific,) and 63 the English course. There seems to be a growing interest among the pupils to continue their studies in college or scientific school after graduation from the High School. Many of the colleges admit graduates from the school by a certificate from the principal.

DEPARTMENTAL TEACHING.

While we do not have departmental teaching in its strictest sense, it is our object so to group the work that the teacher may be able to do her best in consequence of not being obliged to cover too broad a field. The work of the four teachers may be grouped as follows: Mathematics and Greek, Latin and French, Science and Greek, English and History.

PHYSICAL APPARATUS.

We are much in need of physical apparatus. A large part of what we have is so old and worn out that it is

practically useless. I would recommend that a reasonable amount be expended in this direction each year until the department is well supplied for the teaching of this important subject.

STUDY HOURS.

The High School pupil, to follow the course successfully, must devote considerable time out of school hours to his work. I am convinced that pupils would gain much if they adopted a systematic method of study. If parents would encourage their children to have regular study hours at home and cultivate concentration of mind, a much greater amount of work would be accomplished in a comparatively short time.

TALKS BEFORE PUPILS.

The Thursday morning talks on timely subjects by several of our townsmen have been very beneficial to and highly appreciated by the school.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

Our teachers meet every Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock to discuss such matters as may pertain to the school in general, and become more thoroughly acquainted with the progress of the individual pupil. We find that we can work more unitedly and understandingly in consequence of these weekly conferences.

TUITION SCHOLARS.

Ten tuition scholars have attended school the past year.

GRADUATING CLASSES.

There is a good prospect of having large graduating classes in the future. The class of '94 numbered fifteen. The graduating exercises were held in the Town Hall, Friday evening, June 29. The following was the program :

Order of Exercises.

Prayer.

Rev. Richard G. Woodbridge.

Salutatory and Oration, The Veteran.
James Percy Leahy.

Recitation, Dead—Name Unknown.
Laura Ann Atwood.

Essay, Æsthetic Cooking.
Charlotte Elizabeth Flagg.

Music, Selected.

Declamation, The Bunker Hill Monument Completed.
Howard Clark Ryder.

Class History.

Sarah Bassett Kingman.

Essay, The True Hero.
Annie Sara Litchfield.

Music, Selected.

Essay, Nature.
Helen Sophia Maxim.

Recitation, The Froward Duster.
Henry Alexander Wood.

Essay, Laughter.
Alice Richmond Roberts.

- Music, Selected.
 Recitation, Death of the Reveler.
 Bessie Barclay Gibbs.
 Essay, The Ruins of Time.
 Stella Florence Thomas.
 Recitation, The Substitute.
 Ethel Gertrude Nichols.
 Music, Selected.
 Class Prophecy.
 Bessie Arleen Hackett.
 Oration, The Income Tax.
 George Henry Nolan.
 Essay and Valedictory, Joan of Arc.
 Cindia Augusta Thomas.
 Presentation of Diplomas.
 J. C. Sullivan, Esq., Chairman of School Committee.
 Benediction.
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Principal, - - - - - WALTER SAMPSON.

Assistants, - - - { ANNIE M. GREENE,
 M. JOSEPHINE HODGDON,
 JENNIE BENNETT.

CLASS OF 1894.

Laura Ann Atwood,	Helen Sophia Maxim,
Charlotte Elizabeth Flagg,	Ethel Gertrude Nichols,
Bessie Barclay Gibbs,	George Henry Nolan,
Bessie Arleen Hackett,	Alice Richmond Roberts,
Sarah Bassett Kingman,	Howard Clark Ryder,

James Percy Leahy, Cindia Augusta Thomas,
Annie Sara Litchfield, Stella Florence Thomas,
Henry Alexander Wood.

Class motto, "Eureka." Class color, White and Gold.
Class flower, Daisy.

Music, Carter's Orchestra.

As a whole, I think the year has been a prosperous one with us. The attendance has increased, and there seems to be a growing tendency among the pupils to make the most of their opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER SAMPSON,

Principal.

EXHIBIT C.

GRADUATING EXERCISES

Of the Middleborough Grammar School, Friday, June 29,
1894, at 2 P. M., High School Building.

Programme.

Chorus — America.	School.
Prayer.	Rev. W. C. Litchfield.
Recitation — Song of Marion's Men.	Lizzie E. B. Sparrow.
Recitation — There Is No Such Word as Fail.	
	Ida L. Magoon.
Recitation — Our Country's Call.	Willie O. Eddy.
Piano Solo.	Ethel M. Shaw.
Recitation — The Live Oak.	Florence L. Dean.
Recitation — The Burial of Moses.	C. Florence Hathaway.
Recitation — Independence Bell.	C. Allen Porter.
Piano Solo.	Bertie Littlehale.
Address.	Asher J. Jacoby, Superintendent of Schools.
Presentation of Certificates of Graduation.	
By John C. Sullivan, Esq., Chairman of School Committee.	
Chorus — Farewell Song.	School.
Benediction.	

CLASS OF '94.

Elmer Benson,	Winfred E. Bryant,
Helen Carter,	Willie J. Coughlin,
Florence L. Dean,	May R. Deane,
Ida E. Dotey,	Harry E. Dunham,
Willie O. Eddy,	Harry K. Ellis,

Alton S. Freeman,
 C. Florence Hathaway,
 John E. Kelley,
 Bertie Littlehale,
 Minnie E. McInness,
 Annie M. Morse,
 Everett W. Nichols,
 Myron D. Place,
 Herbert A. Ryder,
 Clarence S. Shaw,
 Ethel M. Shaw,
 Bertha E. Shaw,
 Eveline Southworth,
 Lizzie E. B. Sparrow,
 Amy Thompson,
 Jessie Williams,
 Lillian F. Wood,

Winnifred M. Finney,
 Charles Jewell,
 May A. Keith,
 Ida L. Magoon,
 Ruth S. Mitchell,
 Annie W. Morse,
 Maud F. Pierce,
 C. Allen Porter,
 Fred M. Ryder,
 Grace E. Shaw,
 Estella J. Shaw,
 Clarence E. Smith,
 Walter I. Standish,
 Lillie M. Tinkham,
 Jennie Washburn,
 Grace M. Williamson,
 Clara M. Wood,

Lucy Weston.

EXHIBIT D.

TRAINING CLASS.

Dorrance, Susan A.,	Middleborough High School.
Flagg, Charlotte E.,	Middleborough High School.
Fuller, Emily A.,	Middleborough High School.
Gibbs, Bessie B.,	Middleborough High School.
Holmes, Lydia E.,	Plymouth High School.
Maxim, Helen S.,	Middleborough High School.
Nichols, Ethel G.,	Middleborough High School.
Perry, Frances M.,	Bourne High School.
Roberts, Edith A.,	Middleborough High School.
Swift, Edna F.,	Bourne High School.
Thomas, C. Augusta,	Middleborough High School.
Thomas, Leila B.,	Middleborough High School.

EXHIBIT E.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

At the dedication of the West Side school-house, Middleborough, Mass., Friday, October 19, 1894, at 2 o'clock P. M. :

Singing—Thrice Hail Happy Day.

By Pupils of the Primary School.

Invocation.

By Rev. M. F. Johnson.

Singing—Song for Our Union.

By Pupils of the Grammar School.

Delivery of the Keys to the Building Committee.

By builder B. F. Phinney.

Acceptance of the Keys and their transfer to the School Committee.

By Geo. E. Wood, Chairman of the Building Committee.

Acceptance of the Keys.

By Mr. Ebenezer Pickens of the School Committee.

Singing—Song to the Flag.

By Pupils of the Primary School.

Address.

By Hon. Frank A. Hill, Secretary of the State Board of Education.

Singing—Star Spangled Banner. By Pupils of the School.
Remarks.

By Rev. Charles W. Wood, Supt. Asher J. Jacoby, and
A. T. Savery.

Singing—America.

Benediction.

Flag Raising Exercises.

Raising of the Flag.

Singing—Red, White, and Blue.

Saluting the Flag.

Short Addresses.

Rev. R. G. Woodbridge, Rev. M. F. Johnson.

EXHIBIT F.

MIDDLEBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Flag Raising and Memorial Exercises, and School Parade,
Monday Afternoon, June 4, 1894.

OUT-DOOR PROGRAMME.

1.45 P. M. School assemble and arrival of E. W. Pierce
Post 8, G. A. R., at High School
building.

2.00 P. M. Prayer. Rev. W. C. Litchfield.
Raising of the Flag.
Singing—The Star Spangled Banner, (first
verse).

Saluting the Flag.

Address. Commander John N. Main.
Marching to Union Street building.

Raising of the Flag.
Singing—The Star Spangled Banner, (second
verse).

Saluting the Flag.

Address.

Junior Vice Commander John R. Merrick.
Marching to School Street building.

Raising of the Flag.
Singing—The Star Spangled Banner, (third
verse).

Saluting the Flag.

Address—Officer of the Day Wm. McAllister
Marching to Town Hall.

Route of march: School street to Centre, Centre to South Main, South Main to Temple Place, Temple Place to Town Hall.

MEETING IN TOWN HALL, 3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Chorus—Men of Harlech. High School.

Prayer. Rev. R. G. Woodbridge.

Chorus—Flag of the Free.

Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Pupils.

Recitation—Little Nan's Offering. Marion Wright.

Declamation—Let Us Rejoice Together.

Harry L. B. Sampson.

Recitation—My Flag.

Helen Ryder

Chorus—Our Flag.

First Grade Pupils.

Recitation—The March of the Grand Army.

Blanche Kelley.

Recitation—Sheridan's Ride.

Henrietta Williams.

Chorus—To the Flag.

Second Grade Pupils.

Recitation—Memorial Day.

Florence McDermid.

Recitation—New England's Dead.

Harry Perry.

Chorus—Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Grade Pupils.

Recitation—Blue and Gray.

Mariquita Eddy.

Recitation—Ode to Decoration Day.

Allen Porter.

Declamation—Abraham Lincoln.

Charles E. Brown.

Vocal Duet—American Hymn.

Mabel and Lucy Carter.

Address.

Commander John N. Main.

Address.

Rev. W. C. Litchfield.

Chorus — Red, White, and Blue.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Pupils.

Address.

John C. Sullivan, Esq., Chairman of School Committee.
Singing — America.

Benediction.

PARADE.

First Division.

Chief Marshal, John N. Main, Commander of Post 8.

Middleborough Band.

E. W. Pierce Post 8, G. A. R.

Second Division.

Herbert L. Tripp, Commander.

Asher J. Jacoby, Superintendent of Schools. Walter Sampson, Principal of High School. Members of School Committee. High School Pupils. Assistant Teachers: Annie M. Green, M. Josephine Hodgdon, Jennie Bennett.

Third Division.

James P. Leahy, Commander.

Main Street Grammar School. Ninth Grade Pupils, John P. Arnold, Teacher. Eighth Grade Pupils, Annie A. Lovell, Teacher. Seventh Grade Pupils, Mary E. Hatch, Teacher. Sixth Grade Pupils, Nellie M. Bennett, Teacher.

Fourth Division.

Howard C. Ryder, Commander.

School Street Grammar and Primary Schools. Sixth and Fifth Grade Pupils, Mary E. Frink, Teacher; Lillian M. Thomas, Assistant. Fifth and Fourth Grade

Pupils, H. Gertrude Holmes, Teacher. Third Grade Pupils, M. Evelyn Holloway, Teacher.

Fifth Division.

George H. Nolan, Commander.

Middleborough Drum Corps.

Union Street Primary School. Second and First Grade Pupils, Florence E. Thompson, Teacher; Susan A. Dorrance, Assistant. First Grade Pupils, Eleanor A. Barden, Teacher; Edith A. Roberts, Assistant.

Sixth Division.

Herbert T. Cushing, Commander.

Suburban Schools. Thomastown Pupils, Eva M. Hopkins, Teacher. Rock Pupils, Myra L. Atwood, Teacher. Fall Brook Pupils, A. Belle Tenney, Teacher. Ne-masket Pupils, Emma N. Phinney, Teacher. Green Pupils, Lizzie B. Lucas, Teacher. Plymouth Street Pupils, Clara W. Eaton, Teacher.

EXHIBIT G.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

MIDDLEBORO, MASS.,

Office of Superintendent of Schools,

OCTOBER 1, 1894.

Teachers' meetings will be held during the school year as follows:

PRINCIPALS' ROUND TABLE.

The Principals' Round Table will meet in the superintendent's office on the first Tuesday of each month, at 4 o'clock P. M.

GENERAL TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

General meetings for all teachers will be held in the High school building on the Saturday following the first Thursday in each month, at 10 o'clock A. M.

GRADE MEETINGS.

Grade meetings will be held monthly in the superintendent's office, at 4 o'clock P. M., as follows:

Grades 1, 2, and 3, on the second Tuesday; grades 4, 5, and 6, on the third Tuesday; and grades 7, 8, and 9, on the fourth Tuesday.

Teachers of mixed grades will meet in the High school building on the Saturday following the first Thursday in each month, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The High school teachers will meet with the principal every Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Meetings for drawing and music will be called from time to time.

MIDDLEBOROUGH PEDAGOGICAL CLUB.

The Middleborough Pedagogical Club will meet in the High school building every Monday, from October to June, at 7 o'clock P. M.

ASHER J. JACOBY,
Superintendent of Schools.

EXHIBIT H.

REPORT OF THE TRUANT OFFICER.

Mr. A. J. Jacoby, Superintendent of Schools:

In submitting to you my report as Truant Officer for the year, I have to say that there has been a marked improvement as to truancy; and while we do not have in town what may be called an habitual truant, we have a certain number of families who think it is not wrong to keep their children out of school for the most trivial excuses, and in most instances the parent is more to blame than the child.

The Neck District, which has been the cause of more trouble than any other school in town, has been remedied, and in the village, in some of our worst cases of truancy, the scholars attend more regularly, and one child who had the reputation of being the worst truant in town is now, I am told, one of the best scholars in school.

The longer I live and meet the human family, the more I recognize the fact that the next generation should know more than this one, and so long as I hold this office I shall do all in my power to accomplish that result.

The manufacturers in town are careful not to employ any child under the age required by law, and if one is employed through an oversight, when their attention is called to the fact, it is immediately remedied.

During the work of the year the town may well be proud of the fact of having Committee, Superintendent,

and teachers who seem to have one object alone in view, the raising of the standard of the schools in this town, and to place it where it should be, as one of the banner towns of this our Commonwealth.

JAMES A. BURGESS,
Truant Officer.

APPENDIX.

LIST OF TEACHERS, JANUARY 7, 1895.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Main street, near Town Building.

Walter Sampson, Principal, 4 High Street.

Grace Allen, 61 Pearl Street.

Susie J. Mantle, 61 Pearl Street.

Jennie Bennett, 23 Pierce Street.

MAIN STREET GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

High School Building.

Room.		Grade.	
4.	John P. Arnold, Prin.,	IX.	91 Oak Street.
3.	Annie A. Lovell,	VIII.	12 High Street.
2.	Nellie M. Bennett,	VII.	23 Pierce Street.
1.	Flora L. Nickerson,	VI.	69 Centre Street.

SCHOOL STREET PRIMARY AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

School Street, near Centre.

Room.		Grade.	
3.	Mary E. Frink, Prin.,	V-VI.	15 Pierce Street.
2.	H. Gertrude Holmes,	IV.	26 Main Street.
1.	M. Evelyn Holloway,	III.	School Street.

UNION STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Union Street, near Centre.

Room.		Grade.	
2.	Florence E. Thompson, Prin., II.	61	Pearl Street.
1.	Eleanor A. Barden,	I.	9 Myrtle Street.
	Edith A. Roberts, Assistant,	8	Myrtle Street.

WEST SIDE PRIMARY AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Room.		Grade.	
2.	Eva M. Hopkins, Prin., IV-VI.	159	Centre Street.
1.	Susan A. Dorrance,	I-III.	141 Main Street.

Pleasant Street—E. Frances Dunham, North Middleboro.

Plymouth Street—Lillian M. Thomas, 8 Court End Avenue.

Purchade—Lucia A. Drake, Box 174.

Nemasket—Myra L. Atwood, 159 Centre Street.

Thompsonville—Mary E. Deane, Box 156.

Soule—Carrie E. Soule, Eddyville.

Waterville—A. Belle Tenney, 65 Oak Street.

Green—Lizzie B. Lucas, 10 Southwick Street.

Fall Brook—Sarah O. Morse, Middleboro.

Thomastown—C. Augusta Thomas, 8 Court End Avenue.

South Middleboro—Nellie T. Alden, South Middleboro.

Highland—Emma N. Phinney, 24 Pearl Street.

Rock—Carolyn H. Parker, 62 Pearl Street.

Wappanucket—Lydia E. Holmes, Box 278.

PROMOTION OF PUPILS.

MIDDLEBORO, MASS.,

Office of Superintendent of Schools,

FEBRUARY 8, 1895.

Hereafter the promotion of pupils shall be governed by the following regulations:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

1. There shall be no daily marking of pupils in the Elementary Schools except for attendance, and in all of the grades of these schools, excepting the ninth grade, there shall be no stated or previously announced examinations or tests of their proficiency.

2. It shall be the duty of each teacher to make and record, at the end of each week, upon blanks provided for the purpose, a careful estimate of the work of each of his or her pupils in such branches of study as may be prescribed. This estimate shall be based upon the fidelity and success with which the pupils have done assigned work, and also upon their success in oral and written tests which have been employed as an element of teaching, and the answers to which have not been valued numerically. The estimate shall be designated by either of the letters E, G, F, L, P, and V P, standing for the words *Excellent*, *Good*, *Fair*, *Low*, *Poor*, and *Very Poor*.

3. The Superintendent or principal shall, as frequently as either may deem necessary, make written or oral tests of the pupils' work. Such tests shall not take the form of stated examinations except as hereinafter provided for.

The estimates of these tests shall be combined with the estimates prescribed above, whenever the Superintendent shall so direct.

4. Pupils absent on account of sickness may have credit for the lessons lost, provided such lessons are made up to the satisfaction of the teacher, but pupils absent for reasons other than sickness may be deprived of this privilege.

5. In all grades below the ninth grade, the pupil whose weekly marks average *Excellent*, *Good*, or *Fair*, shall be promoted.

6. Pupils, whose weekly marks average *Poor* or *Very Poor*, may, upon the written request of the parent or guardian, try a written examination to be prepared by the Superintendent, and held during the last two weeks of school in June. If at such examination the pupil's average is *Excellent*, *Good*, or *Fair*, he or she shall be promoted. No pupil shall be kept in the same grade more than two years, without the approval of the Superintendent, to whom all the facts in the case have to be reported.

7. Promotions from the ninth grade, or graduation from the Elementary Schools, shall be determined by an examination prepared by the Superintendent, and held during the last two weeks of school in June. The result of this examination shall be averaged with the estimate of the standing of pupils as provided for in a previous paragraph. Pupils receiving an average of *Excellent*, *Good*, or *Fair*, shall be presented with certificates of graduation.

The papers of all pupils, after they have been examined and estimates made and recorded, shall be sent to the Superintendent's office for consideration.

8. Promotions shall be made in all the schools on a day designated by the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall notify each teacher at least two weeks in advance of the date fixed.

9. Pupils who are specially proficient and who seem to be able to do the work of the next grade, may, with the approval of the Superintendent, be promoted on trial at any time during the year.

10. At the end of each school month a report of the record of each pupil in attendance, scholarship, and conduct, shall be made to the parent or guardian of such pupil, on a card provided for that purpose. The average of the weekly estimates shall constitute the mark in scholarship. The conduct shall be marked according to the general behavior.

HIGH SCHOOL.

1. Graduates of the Elementary Schools shall be admitted to the High School upon their certificates of graduation. For all others, whether previously connected with the Middleborough schools or not, a High School entrance examination shall be held prior to the opening of the schools in September. Persons receiving an average of *Excellent*, *Good*, or *Fair*, at said examination, shall be admitted to the first-year class in the High School.

2. The principal of the High School may, with the approval of the Superintendent, return to the grammar

schools any pupils who are found to be unprepared for High School work.

3. It shall be the duty of each teacher to make and record, at the end of each week, upon blanks provided for the purpose, a careful estimate of each pupil's work in the different branches of study. These estimates are to be based on the fidelity and success with which the pupils do their assigned work, and also on their success in meeting the various oral and written tests which have been employed as an element of teaching. The estimates shall be indicated by letters according to the following scale of rank: 90 to 100, or E., Excellent; 80 to 90, or G., Good; 70 to 80, or F., Fair; 60 to 70, or L., Low; 50 to 60, or P., Poor; below 50, or V. P., Very Poor.

4. The principal shall, from time to time, subject the pupils to such examinations as will indicate their progress and be helpful to both teachers and pupils. Whenever the estimates of such examinations are combined with the teachers' estimates, the former shall count one-third and the latter two-thirds.

5. Pupils absent on account of sickness may have credit for the lessons lost, providing such lessons are made up to the satisfaction of the principal, but pupils absent for reasons other than sickness may be deprived of this privilege.

6. To be promoted a pupil's marks must average *Excellent*, *Good*, or *Fair*; but pupils falling below *Low* in any subject must repeat the subject, and in two subjects must repeat the year's work.

7. Pupils who have satisfactorily completed any one of the prescribed courses of study will, at the discretion of the School Committee, be graduated therefrom. At graduation diplomas will be awarded at public commencement exercises.

8. At the end of each school month a report of the record of each pupil in attendance, scholarship, and conduct, shall be made to the parent or guardian of such pupil, on a card provided for the purpose.

(Adopted by the School Committee, Feb. 7, 1895.)

The regulations for the Elementary Schools are practically the same as those that have been in force since February, 1894.

ASHER J. JACOBY;

Superintendent of Schools.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PUBLIC STATUTES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

CHAPTER 47.—CONCERNING VACCINATION.

SECTION 9. The school committee shall not allow a child who has not been duly vaccinated to be admitted to or connected with the public schools.

CHAPTER 515.—AN ACT RELATIVE TO VACCINATION.

Section 2 of this act provides that “all children who shall present a certificate signed by a regular practicing physician that they are unfit subjects for vaccination shall not be subject to the provisions of section nine of chapter forty-seven of the Public Statutes excluding unvaccinated children from the public schools.”

CHAPTER 198.—AN ACT TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES THROUGH THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The school committee shall not allow any pupil to attend the public schools while any member of the household to which such pupil belongs is sick of smallpox, diphtheria, or scarlet fever, or during a period of two weeks after death, recovery, or removal of such sick person; and any pupil coming from such household shall be required to present to the teacher of the school the pupil desires to attend, a certificate from the attending physician or board of health, of the facts necessary to entitle him to admission in accordance with the above regulation.

CHAPTER 188.—AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND TRUANCY.

SECTION 1. Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, and, in cities and towns where industrial training is taught between the ages of eight and fifteen years, shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, for at least thirty weeks if the schools are kept open that length of time, with an allowance of two weeks' time for absences not excused by the superintendent of schools or the school committee; such period of attendance shall begin within the first month of the fall term of school, and for each five days of absence of any such child thereafter, in excess of the above allowance, before the completion of the required annual attendance of thirty weeks, the person having such child under his control shall, upon the complaint of the school committee or any truant officer, forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but if such child has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or has already acquired the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable, such penalty shall not be incurred.

SECTION 2. (This repeals everything inconsistent with section 1.)

The provisions of section 1 of this act have been incorporated in section 1 of chapter 498, Acts of 1894. In the codification the words "cities and towns where industrial training is taught" are omitted from the second and third lines, and in their stead are the words "every city and town where opportunity is furnished, in connection with the regular work of the public schools, for gratuitous instruction in the use of tools or in manual training, or for industrial education in any form, a child." In all other respects the language remains unchanged.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1895.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Winter term (twelve weeks) begins January 7.

Winter term ends March 29.

Vacation, one week.

Spring term (eleven weeks) begins April 8.

Spring term ends June 21.

Vacation, eleven weeks.

Fall term (fifteen weeks) begins September 9.

Fall term ends December 20.

Vacation, two weeks.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Same as the Elementary Schools, with the following exceptions:—

Spring term (twelve weeks) ends June 28.

Vacation, nine weeks.

Fall term (sixteen weeks) begins September 3.

HOLIDAYS.

February 22, April 19, May 30, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

SCHOOL SIGNALS.

The storm signal, 2-1-2, will be given twice upon the fire alarm bell and whistle at 8.15 A. M., for suspension of the morning session, and at 12.45 P. M. for suspension of the afternoon session. For one session the signal will be given at 11.15 A. M.

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT
FOR
THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,
TO BE HELD IN
THE TOWN HALL, MONDAY, MARCH 4, A. D. 1895
AT NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers. The following officers to be voted for on one ballot, viz.: One Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, thirteen Constables, three Fish Wardens, one Auditor, three Fence Viewers, all for one year each; one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, and three Trustees of the Public Library, all for three years; two members of the School Committee, each for three years; and one member of the School Committee for two years, to fill vacancy; one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years and one member of the Municipal Light Board for two years to fill vacancy; three members of the Board of Health, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years. The polls for the election

of these officers will be open at half-past eleven o'clock A. M., and will not be closed before half-past three P. M.

ART. 3. To vote by ballot "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

ART. 4. To raise such sums of money by tax or otherwise, as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year, appropriate the same, and to act anything in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes for the year.

ART. 5. To see what action the town will take in relation to hiring money in anticipation of taxes the present year, or for any other purpose.

ART. 6. To hear the reports of any of the officers or committees of the town, and act thereon.

ART. 7. To allow accounts against the town, or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote that the yards of persons chosen Field Drivers shall be town pounds so long as they remain in office provided they shall be chosen pound keepers.

ART. 9. To dispose of the money received for "dog licenses" and all other licenses the present year, and act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the town will pay the expense of a Night Watch in the Four Corners village, and act thereon.

ART. 11. To see if the town will appropriate any

money to be expended by Post 8, G. A. R., on Memorial day, and act thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the town will pay their School Committee for their services the ensuing year, and act thereon.

ART. 13. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen, and act thereon.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to further extend its system of sewers, and act thereon.

ART. 15. To take action in relation to the taking of fish in the ponds leased by the Fish Commissioners to the towns of Middleboro', Lakeville, Rochester and Freetown.

ART. 16. To see what action the town will take in regard to the claim of Mr. C. O. Denham for damages by reason of an alleged defect in the highway.

ART. 17. To see if the town will revise, amend or add to its By-laws, and act thereon.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to extend the electric lighting on Wareham street as far as Tispaquin street, and act thereon. (By request.)

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to extend the electric lighting along East Main street to a point near the Putnam station on Plympton street with at least five lights, and act thereon. (By request.)

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to adopt Section 1 of Chapter 104 of the Public Statutes, and act thereon.

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.,
FOR THE
YEAR 1895.



MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.:
MIDDLEBORO GAZETTE OFFICE.
1896.

TOWN OFFICERS, = 1895.

Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector.

AUGUSTUS M. BEARSE.

Selectmen and Assessors.

ALBERT T. SAVERY	Term expires 1896
EDWIN F. WITHAM	" " 1898
CHARLES W. KINGMAN	" " 1897

Overseers of the Poor.

SYLVANUS MENDALL	Term expires 1897
ANDREW C. WOOD (Deceased)	" " 1898
CHARLES T. THATCHER (Deceased)	" " 1896

School Committee.

ADELINE V. WOOD	Term expires 1896
AUGUSTUS PRATT	" " 1896
EBENEZER PICKENS	" " 1897
JOHANNA T. LEONARD	" " 1898
JAMES M. COOMBS	" " 1898
ANNIE DAVIS DEANE	" " 1897

Superintendent of Schools.

ASHER J. JACOBY.

Board of Health.

ALBERT T. SAVERY	Term expires 1898
A. VINCENT SMITH	" " 1897
JAMES A. BURGESS	" " 1896

Municipal Light Board.

GEORGE E. WOOD	Term expires 1896
E. LEONARD LEBARON	" " 1897
JOSEPH E. DIXON	" " 1898

Constables.

LEANDER M. ALDEN,	EVERETT T. LINCOLN,
CHARLES A. BLISS,	SAMUEL S. LOVELL,
BENJAMIN W. BUMP,	JOHN M. LUIPPOLD,
SYLVANUS W. BUMP,	SYLVANUS MENDALL,
GEORGE W. HAMMOND,	FRED. C. SPARROW,
HERBERT L. LEONARD,	CHARLES C. TINKHAM,
HENRY C. TINKHAM.	

Superintendent of Streets.

SAMUEL N. SHIVERICK.

Registrars of Voters.

WARREN B. STETSON	Term expires 1896
THOMAS C. COLLINS	" " 1897
CHARLES H. CARPENTER	" " 1898

AUGUSTUS M. BEARSE, Town Clerk, *ex officio*.

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1895.

APPROPRIATIONS MADE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Voted by the town for support of schools, including school-books, incidentals, and Superintendent's salary

Superintendent's salary	\$21,000.00
School Committee's salaries	150.00
Support of poor	4,800.00
Support of insane	1,700.00
Military aid	400.00
Soldiers' relief	800.00
Town officers	2,500.00
Incidentals	2,500.00
G. A. R., for Memorial day	200.00
Town House committee	500.00
Water supply for fire district	1,500.00
Town debt, note due	5,000.00
Lighting bond, due	\$1,000.00
Interest on lighting bonds	3,060.00
Expense of lighting plant	6,500.00
Construction of lights to the Green	500.00
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	\$11,060.00
Less est'd income from lt'g plant	6,500.00
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Leaving appropriation	4,560.00

Water street bridge voted in 1894 . . .	\$2,000.00
Interest	3,200.00
Board of health	600.00
Highway department	15,000.00
Night watch and police	900.00

ADJOURNED MEETING, MARCH 23D.

Concrete sidewalk	500.00
Grove street	1,000.00
Water street bridge	500.00
Dredging Nemasket river	2,000.00

ADJOURNED MEETING, MARCH 27TH.

Electric light plant	4,000.00
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	\$75,310.00
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Less corporation and bank tax, estimated . .	7,100.00
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	\$68,210.00
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Raised by two permanent loans	10,000.00
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Voted to raise by tax	\$58,210.00
State tax	2,550.00
County tax	5,650.80
Non-resident bank tax	114.33
Overlayings	1,285.20
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	\$67,810.33
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Poll taxes assessed	\$3,994.00
Taxes on personal property	8,826.73

Taxes on real estate . . .	54,875.27	
Non-resident bank tax . . .	114.33	
	<hr/>	\$67,810.33

Number of polls assessed, 1,997.

Valuation of buildings, excluding land . . .	\$1,774,562
Valuation of land, excluding buildings . . .	1,517,943
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Total valuation of real estate . . .	\$3,292,505
Valuation of personal estate . . .	529,521
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	\$3,822,026

Persons, firms, etc., assessed on property, residents	1,383
Persons, firms, etc., non-residents	327
Persons assessed for poll tax only	976
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Total number of persons, etc., assessed	2,686
Number of horses	1,042
Number of cows	682
Number of sheep	30
Number of neat cattle other than cows	159
Number of swine	43
Number of dwelling houses	1,404½
Number of acres of land	39,259½
Number of fowl	2,987
Population of the town in 1895	6,692
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Amount of taxes remitted from 1887 to 1893, inclusive	\$621.10
Amount of taxes remitted for 1894	\$473.43

Upon examination of the tax books and lists committed to the late Charles T. Thatcher, your Selectmen found the amount of uncollected taxes for the years 1887 to 1893 inclusive, to be \$3,167.64. It was thought best to strike from the amount \$621.10 as not being collectable, which left a balance of \$2,546.54 due for the above years. This amount was recommitted to A. M. Bearse, the present Collector, and a warrant given him to collect the same forthwith.

We believe that when these back taxes are collected and paid into the treasury of the town a much more prompt system of collecting the taxes may be adopted, which will result in equal advantage to the town collectively and the tax payer individually.

ALBERT T. SAVERY,
EDWIN F. WITHAM,
CHARLES W. KINGMAN,
Assessors of Middleboro, Mass.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

For the Year ending Dec. 31, 1895.

The Selectmen have drawn orders upon the Town Treasurer for the amounts hereinafter given, under the several appropriations made by the town.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriated for town officers	\$2,500.00
A. M. Bearse, town clerk . . .	\$120.00
A. M. Bearse, treasurer and collector	800.01
A. T. Savery, selectman and assessor	386.25
E. F. Witham, selectman and assessor	386.25
C. W. Kingman, selectman and assessor	397.50
A. C. Wood, overseer of the poor	187.00
S. Mendall, overseer of the poor	163.50
C. T. Thatcher, est., overseer of the poor	82.50
A. M. Wood, auditor	25.00
C. H. Carpenter, registrar of voters	55.50
T. C. Collins, registrar of voters	48.50
W. B. Stetson, registrar of voters	51.24
A. M. Bearse, registrar of voters	61.22
Election officers, Precinct 1	26.00
Election officers, Precinct 2	115.00
James A. Burgess, board of health	86.75
	<hr/> 2,992.22
Overdrawn	<hr/> \$492.22

INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation	\$2,500.00
Orders drawn :	
J. C. Sullivan, legal advice . . .	\$12.00
N. H. Ryder, pump South Midd. . .	12.50
Geo. Soule, returning deaths of 1894 . . .	22.00
F. W. R. Emery, binding assessors' books	4.50
New York & Boston Despatch Exp. Co., express	5.10
Thorp & Martin Co., stationery . . .	1.80
M. R. Warren, collector's warrants . . .	3.00
A. E. Martell, stationery	3.50
P. B. Murphy, posters and blanks . . .	2.25
Walter T. Bryant, forest fire ward . . .	31.65
Chas. W. Kingman, "	7.70
Geo. F. Day, "	2.50
L. M. Fuller, "	4.00
Warren H. Southworth, moderator . . .	15.00
Chas. O. Denham, injury received on the highway	500.00
H. C. Hopkins, services rendered Wm. Dwyer	5.00
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing . . .	120.92
William J. McCausland, damages received on the highway	40.00
Secretary of Commonwealth, printing . . .	3.50
H. L. Leonard, keeper of lockup . . .	67.00
A. V. Smith, M. D., returning births . . .	10.25

R. E. Southworth, painting . . .	1.50
L. P. Thatcher, error in taxes . . .	3.69
Thacher B. Lucas, envelopes . . .	64.80
A. M. Bearse, Treasurer, recording births, deaths and marriages . . .	82.15
A. M. Bearse, Treasurer, office supplies	38.95
William Bense, printing	7.00
Chas. W. Drake, office supplies . . .	1.50
Little & Brown, book for town officers	4.00
Myra K. Leonard, copying	16.80
Ladies' Auxiliary, supper for election officers	15.75
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., tax book . . .	12.00
Grace L. Elliott, copying	30.00
James A. Burgess, Ins. Milch Cows & Pro.	185.00
A. T. Savery, traveling expenses and money paid out	49.30
A. T. Savery, for use of team	25.00
E. F. Witham, for use of team	60.00
E. F. Witham, traveling expenses and money paid out	15.62
C. W. Kingman, for use of team	42.50
C. W. Kingman, traveling expenses and money paid out	12.90
W. F. Fryer, M. D., med. attendance	15.50
Mrs. A. M. Wood, copying	62.50
Chas. F. Cushman, insp'r of vinegar .	40.00
D. D. Sullivan, error in tax	5.00

Wood & Tinkham, printing town re-	
ports, etc.	531.15
M. M. Copeland, printing . .	206.00
Chas. H. Morse, damage to team .	35.00
Edward E. Hobart	3.00
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	2,440.78
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Unexpended	\$59.22

WATER SUPPLY.

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
Orders drawn :	
Middleboro water works . . .	\$750.00
Middleboro water works . . .	750.00
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	\$1,500.00

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation	\$500.00
Orders drawn :	
Shiverick & Thomas	\$886.88
Charged to abutters	299.83
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	587.05
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Overdrawn	\$87.05

NIGHT WATCH AND POLICE.

Appropriation	\$900.00
Orders drawn :	
Herbert L. Leonard, night watch .	\$720.00

James H. Russell, special police, 1894	
and 1895	10.00
A. P. Vaughan, special police, 1895 .	5.00
H. H. Caswell, " " " .	5.00
B. F. Baker, " " " .	5.00
Leander M. Alden, " " " .	5.00
D. S. Surrey, " " " .	5.00
J. M. Luippold, " " " .	5.00
Nelson Shaw, " " " .	5.00
C. T. Gammons, " " " .	15.00
Everett T. Lincoln, constable, 1895 .	10.00
James A. Burgess, special police .	63.00
F. E. Cummings, special police .	10.00
Sylvanus Mendall, constable, 1895 .	21.00
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	884.00
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Unexpended	\$16.00

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

Appropriated for expense account	\$500.00
Received from rent of hall . .	\$439.00
Received from rent of rooms . .	581.00
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	1,020.00
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	\$1,520.00

Middleboro Gas & Electric Plant, gas	
and electric light	\$407.95
Thomas W. Pierce	33.85
George F. Bryant, coal	227.04
B. F. Johnson, care of lawn	25.00

Hartford steam boiler inspection and insurance	50 00	
H. G. Porter, labor on town hall .	16.80	
Lloyd Perkins, 2d, labor on town hall	41.99	
H. A. Sparrow, labor and material .	10.88	
Hiram Whittemore, repairs . .	5.40	
Jones Brothers, rubber mat . .	15.00	
L. Lincoln, labor . . . . .	.75	
S. S. Lovell, labor	2.30	
T. W. Clark, wringers	10.00	
F. C. Sparrow, labor and material .	14.97	
T. W. Pierce, labor and material .	3.40	
Sundries	16.86	
B. F. Johnson and A. M. Wood .	468.00	
	<hr/>	1,350.19
Unexpended		<hr/> \$169.81

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation	\$600.00
Received of Geo. Soule for undertaker's license	5.00
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	\$605.00

Orders drawn to April 1, 1895 :

C. S. Cummings, professional services to John Paul	\$18.00
Clark & Vaughan, groceries for John Paul	2.12
Wood & Tinkham, printing sanitary notice, etc.	71.25

J. J. Fowler, damages from fumiga- tion	10.00	
Eli Wardell, inspector of plumbing .	84.33	
James A. Burgess, health officer .	194.50	
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		\$380.20

ALBERT T. SAVERY,
EDWIN F. WITHAM,
CHAS. W. KINGMAN.

Board of Health.

*Report of the Board of Health from April 1, 1895, to Jan.
1, 1896.*

Orders drawn :

Eli Wardell, inspector of plumbing	\$83.65
M. M. Copeland, printing sanitary notice, &c. .	59.00
Wood & Tinkham, “	18.00
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing and stationery .	8.00
A. E. Martell & Co., board of health book .	3.50
W. F. Fryer, professional services for family of Edwin Braley	37.50
C. W. Drake for disinfectant	3.75
L. F. Tinkham, cleaning up rubbish	19.90
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	\$613.50
Overdrawn	\$8.50

SANITARY CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Most of the complaints made to the Board of Health, upon investigation proved well founded. A few complaints proved to be trifling things, and matters that did not come under the

jurisdiction of the Board. Except in regard to overflowing cesspools, our town has been in a good sanitary condition. There were complaints made of thirty-six full cesspools and fifteen defective vaults. Some people think their water service is like a flowing brook that runs through a farm, and is let to run rather than repair the faucet at the sink. In a great many of the complaints, the leaking faucet has made the trouble, and some families use the privy vault as a dumping place for tin cans and the garbage. A large per cent. of the refuse from kitchen can and should be burned in the cook stove. There has been made to the Board complaints of four offensive hog-pens, but, with one exception, the owners upon being requested to remove them, immediately did so. We have been obliged in one instance to enter upon the premises and clean both stable and house cellars.

There has been left in an exposed place near the roadside, the bodies of one dead horse and four dogs, which have had to be buried.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

In the winter of 1894 a case of scarlet fever made its appearance in a family in the school district known as the West Side district, and on investigation the Board were satisfied it came from exposure of the person in the city of Quincy. With the beginning of the year of 1895 the disease made quite a little progress and it was thought on the part of the Board and the School Committee that the school-house should be fumigated and it was done, and soon the cases in that part of the village abated. In one family of seven the

entire family were sick, with the exception of the father, and aid and help had to be furnished. There were during the year thirty-six cases of scarlet fever and but one death. Of diphtheria there were eight cases and two deaths. In one family the cause on investigation and the report of the attending physician came from a full cesspool, and the owner of the property upon being notified by the Board immediately connected with the sewer. In the family of Paul, the Indian, the disease came from a sick child brought here from Philadelphia. For the last six months there has not been a case of the above diseases reported to the Board. There have been reported to the Board four cases of typhoid fever but, with two exceptions, these were in a mild form with the exception of one death, and on closing our report on contagious diseases we find our town in a far healthier condition than any of our neighboring towns and cities.

A DUMPING GROUND.

It has been a vexed question what to do with the accumulation of rubbish, and the Board were very fortunate in finding a piece of land near the house of the late Hugh Tully beyond the railroad, just off from Vine street, the property of W. B. Macomber, to use for that purpose. The bushes were cut and a sign put up and a notice put in the paper, yet some persons persisted in dumping on the side of the road on Everett street, making a nuisance of the side of the road, and the use of the private individuals for a dumping ground of any rubbish on the land of another should be stopped.

SWILL.

The Board was fortunate in finding a man who without any expense to the town would come and collect the swill from the families, and while in some instances it has not been a success it has been a great benefit to the village.

SEWER.

There have been received from the parties entering the sewer six hundred dollars, and while the Board has not at any time had to use the law, in every case the law of moral suasion has done its work. If at some future time the sewer should be extended from the corner of School and Pierce to Oak, from Oak to Arch, from Arch to Forest street, a very wet and soggy piece of land could be drained and the owners of the houses along the route could enter the same, and a canvass of the same shows that about two-thirds are ready to do so, and a source of expense and danger to the public could be removed, and in concluding our report we feel that we have done what was the best for the sanitary interest of the town.

ALBERT T. SAVERY,
A. VINCENT SMITH, M. D.,
JAMES A. BURGESS,

Board of Health.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF AID.

Appropriation	\$800.00
Received from New Bedford	99.75
Due from Wareham, on acct. of Wm. Westgate	287.60
Due from State on acct. Geo. W. Tillson	\$35.00

Due from State on acct. Wm. Westgate	35.00	
“ “ “ A. J. Gardiner	35.00	
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		\$1,292.35
Due from Lynn, on acct. Marcus M. Holloway .		25.00
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		\$1,317.35

Orders drawn :

William W. Westgate	\$117.00
C. S. Cummings, M. D., professional services to W. W. Westgate	102.10
Geo. Soule, burial of W. W. Westgate	62.00
Fanny S. Bumpus, nursing W. W. Westgate	12.00
M. W. Thompson, nursing W. W. Westgate	4.50
J. W. Reed, digging grave	2.00
Francis H. Tobey	72.00
Alfred O Standish	66.00
William McMann	10.00
Lydia McMann, board of Wm. Mc Mann	74.25
T. S. Hodgson, M. D., professional services to Wm. McMann	15.50
Marcus M. Holloway	25.00
Mrs. Alice W. Bennett, board of Wilson Orr	13.00
C. S. Cummings, M. D., professional services for W. Orr	10.00

Geo. Soule, burial of Chas. C. Mellen	60.50	
Geo. Soule, burial of Geo. Tillson	35.00	
Geo. Soule, burial of A. J. Gardiner	61.00	
Isaac M. Foye	24.00	
Charles F. Fuller	6.00	
Simeon Harlow	10.00	
Bernard Glancy	10.00	
Chas. Behlman, board of Mrs. Haskins	3.00	
Chas. T. Thatcher, on account of An-		
drew J. Gardiner	42.00	
Marshall A. Washburn	5.00	
Charles A. Howes	10.00	
Harrison Haskins	15.00	
William F. Thompson	5.00	
George Powers	5.00	
Theodore P. Holmes	10.00	
Samuel Williams	6.00	
William B. Shaw	20.00	
Thomas E. Kinder	5.00	
Charles T. Thatcher, on account of		
Charles Pittsley	10.60	
		928.45
Unexpended		\$388.90

HERRING ACCOUNT.

Received from sale of herrings	\$275.00
Due from towns on Taunton river, for inspection at	
East Taunton	130.00
	\$405.00

Orders drawn :

James A. Thomas	11.25	
F. C. Sparrow	7.70	
Allen B. Thomas	130.00	
Sproat estate	3.00	
Everett T. Lincoln	5.00	
A. T. Savery	5.00	
Chas. W. Kingman	5.00	
Edwin F. Witham	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$171.95
To divide with Lakeville		\$233.05

SEWER ACCOUNT.

Charges for permits to enter sewers, 1895 .	\$600.00	
Orders drawn :		
E. F. Witham, committee on sewer assessments	16.17	
M. O. Rounselle, work on Water st.	29.50	
C. W. Kingman, committee on sewer assessments	16.17	
Lucian A. Taylor, engineering .	26.60	
Ansel G. Hayes, care of sewer basin	5.00	
A. T. Savery, committee on sewer as- sessments	16.00	
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		\$490.56

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Appropriated for repairs of highways, snow bills, etc.	\$11,000.00
Appropriated for new roads and bridges . . .	4,000.00
Appropriated for Water street bridge . . .	500.00
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	\$15,500.00
Received from the State, on account of State road	7,668.35
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	\$23,168.35

Orders drawn :

General highway and snow bills approved by the superintendent of streets (for details see superintendent's report.) State highway bills approved by superintendent of streets . . .	23,745.05
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Overdrawn	\$576.70
There is an unadjusted claim with the State.	

ESTIMATE FOR A TAX, 1896.

For support of schools, including books, incidentals and Superintendent's salary . . .	\$21,000.00
School Committee salary	150.00
Repairs of school buildings	1,000.00
Supervisor of music	500.00
Support of poor and insane	7,500.00
Military aid	400.00
Soldiers' relief	800.00
Town officers	3,000.00

Incidentals	2,500.00
G. A. R. for Memorial day	200.00
Town house committee	700.00
Water supply for fire district	1,500.00
Town debt note due	5,000.00
Lighting bond due	1,000.00
Interest on lighting bonds	3,120.00
Expenses of lighting plant	12,500.00
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	16,620.00
Estimated income from lighting plant	11,000.00
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	5,620.00
Interest	3,400.00
Board of health	500.00
Highway department for general repairs and clearing highways of snow, including Super- intendent's salary	15,000.00
Concrete sidewalks	500.00
Night watch and police	900.00
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	\$70,170.00
Less corporation and bank tax	7,000.00
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To be raised by tax	\$63,170.00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

The following notes to the Middleboro Savings Bank :

Dec. 1, 1887, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., payable in 9 yrs.	\$5,000.00
June 16, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ " " 10 yrs.	5,200.00
July 25, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ " " 11 yrs.	5,200.00

Dec. 18, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., payable in 12 yrs.	5,055.00
Dec. 26, 1891, at 4 per cent., payable Nov. 1, 1897	5,000.00
April 28, 1894, at 4 " " " 1902	8,000.00
Dec. 31, 1895, at 4 " " " 1903	5,000.00
Dec. 31, 1895, at 4 " " " 1904	5,000.00
Sewer loan at 4 " " " 1901	5,000.00
" " at 4 " " " 1907	5,000.00
" " at 4 " " " 1908	5,000.00
" " at 4 " " " 1909	5,000.00
" " at 4 " " " 1910	5,000.00
" " at 4 " " " 1911	5,000.00

Notes payable at Middleboro National Bank :

Sewer loan, at 4 per cent., payable Nov. 1, 1912	5,000.00
" " at 4 " " " 1913	5,000.00

Notes payable in Boston :

Railroad Loan at 4 per cent., payable Nov. 1, 1918	5,000.00
" " at 4 " " " 1919	5,000.00
" " at 4 " " " 1920	5,000.00
" " at 4 " " " 1921	5,000.00

Municipal light loan bonds, due from Nov. 1,	
1896, to Nov. 1, 1923	73,000.00

Temporary loans payable on demand :

To Middleboro Savings Bank	5,000.00
To Middleboro National Bank	10,000.00

\$191,455.00

Other liabilities, estimated	2,500.00
Estimated loss on taxes	500.00

\$194,455.00

ASSETS.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1896 . . .	\$10,212.97	
Due on taxes, Jan. 1, 1896 . . .	12,310.23	
Due from State, Military aid . . .	416.00	
Due from State, State aid . . .	3,364.00	
Due from State, on account burial of soldiers	105.00	
Due from Wareham, on acct. soldiers' relief	87.60	
Due from Lynn, on account soldiers' relief	25.00	
Due from towns on Taunton river, on inspection of herrings	130.00	
Due from concrete sidewalk account . . .	299.83	
	<hr/>	26,950.63
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		\$167,504.37

ALBERT T. SAVERY,
EDWIN F. WITHAM,
CHAS. W. KINGMAN,

Selectmen of Middleborough, Mass.

LIST OF JURORS.

The Selectmen propose the following persons to serve as jurors the ensuing year, viz. :

Jared F. Alden,	Orin E. Deane,
Emery F. Atwood,	Arad R. Dunham,
F. Austin G. Atwood,	George A. Earle,
Harrison W. Atwood,	Henry K. Ellis,
Harvey N. Atwood,	Lucius M. Fuller,
William F. Atwood,	George T. M. Gammons,
Joseph E. Beals,	Foster A. Harlow,
Frederic T. Belcher,	Israel T. Hathaway,
Grover Bennett,	Benjamin E. Holmes,
John S. Benson,	James L. Jenney,
Howard M. Bishop,	B. Frank Jones,
Joshua K. Bishop,	Charles W. Kingman,
George F. Bryant,	Thomas J. LeBaron,
Charles E. Bump,	Ezra S. Leonard,
Marshall P. Burgess,	William McAllister
Josiah T. Carver,	Adam P. McKeen,
Benjamin F. Caswell,	Andrew W. Miller,
Frederic P. Chase,	Luther B. Murdock,
Abisha T. Clark, Jr.,	J. Frank Peirce,
George S. Clark,	Isaac E. Perkins,
Charles F. Cornish,	Ebenezer Pickens,
George A. Cox,	David G. Pratt,
Nathaniel S. Cushing, Jr.,	Luther B. Pratt,
James S. Cuzner,	Enoch Pratt,
Albert Deane,	Nathan W. Pratt,

John C. Robinson,
 John H. Ryder,
 Edmund S. Russell,
 Albert T. Savery,
 Truman C. Savery,
 Benjamin C. Shaw,
 George H. Shaw, 2d,
 Joseph A. Shaw,
 Walter A. Shaw,
 Albert W. Smith,
 Walter M. Snow,
 George L. Soule,
 Warren H. Southworth,
 George E. Standish,
 Dennis D. Sullivan,
 Myron R. Sturges,
 David S. Surrey,

Charles H. Thomas,
 Ichabod B. Thomas,
 John B. Thomas,
 Josiah H. Thomas,
 Lazelle E. Thomas,
 Henry A. Thompson,
 George F. D. Tinkham,
 Alvin P. Vaughan,
 William L. Wade,
 Asaph F. Washburn,
 Seneca T. Weston,
 William L. White,
 Edwin F. Witham,
 Albert J. Wood,
 Edward C. Wood,
 Edward F. Wood.

ALBERT T. SAVERY,
 EDWIN F. WITHAM,
 CHARLES W. KINGMAN,

Selectmen of Middleborough.

February 18, 1896.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To the Board of Selectmen:

Highway appropriation for 1895	\$15,000.00
Bills rendered Town Collector:	
Town of Bridgewater, on bridge account	48.23
J. Crowe, 35 steel rails	96.60
Middleboro Electric Light & Gas Co., use of derrick, &c.	68.10
Middleboro School Department, on well account Fall Brook	71.31
Middleboro Water Department, iron beam and labor	19.67
City of Taunton, 15 days' use steam roller	183.00
Received for drain pipe for driveways	14.35
	<hr/> \$15,501.26

The following orders have been approved to section men for payment of labor and teams :

Appropriation exceeded, 1894	\$304.07
Paid S. S. Lovell	3,562.09
I. E. Macomber	523.18
Albert Reed	515.23
Sylvanus Bump	244.06
George Sampson	200.00

H. A. Thompson	344.49
H. L. Thomas	329.72
S. L. Pratt	458.35
I. B. Thomas	191.34
N. S. Cushing	124.25
W. A. Shaw	312.67
H. M. Bishop	222.35
Henry Tinkham	397.87
B. P. W. Lovell	135.30
O. F. Carver	387.48
J. H. Thomas	262.54

Expense on snow account, 1895 :

Paid S. S. Lovell	206.20
I. E. Macomber	25.10
Sylvanus Bump	19.40
H. L. Thomas	7.10
S. L. Pratt	26.20
W. A. Shaw	14.85
H. M. Bishop	4.00
Henry Tinkham	29.27
B. P. W. Lovell	29.00
Paid L. Lincoln & Son, blacksmithing	71.25
Fairbanks Scale Co., one pair 5-ton scales	100.00
S. S. Lovell, labor paid at crusher	9.80
George Sampson, 2,350 brick	17.62
Geo. Tibbetts, revolving screen \$100.00	
Geo. Tibbetts, western reversible scraper	250.00

Geo. Tibbetts, 8-horse plow and cutting plates, &c. . . .	50.00	
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	\$400.00	
Credit by second-hand scraper	50.00	
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	\$350.00	350.00
O. F. Carver, 40 tons building stone		16.00
Lloyd Perkins, 2d, steam pump, piping, &c. . . .		109.47
Lloyd Perkins, 2d, pulleys, shafting, hose- lift, &c.		76.51
Lloyd Perkins, 2d, 1,497 ft. 2-in. pipe at 10c. . . .		149.70
Lloyd Perkins, 2d, freight, cartage, laying, &c.		69.10
Lloyd Perkins, 2d, labor, oil, waste and forgings		24.15
A. J. Bailey, sign boards, 1893 and 1894		8.00
G. F. Blake, 50 bars railroad iron		131.38
C. H. Carpenter, 474 loads gravel		38.60
E. O. Parker, cement		4.20
M. O. Rounseville, setting curbing on North and Main sts., blasting on Grove st., &c. . . .		62.30
Excavating, stone work, cement, blasting and setting steel beams at Water street bridge		651.85
C. Clemens, carting derrick, Taunton to Middleboro		10.00
E. M. Barden, care of water trough, 1894		5.00
C. H. Thomas, 13 bbls. Portland cement		29.25
Joseph Pease, 85 loads gravel on Everett street, 1892		25.50

E. T. Jenks, damage to driveway cutting grade, 1893	4.80
City of Taunton, rental of derrick 5 months	75.00
W. R. Pierce, 51 stone bounds, year 1881	25.50
A. G. Williams, 3,198 ft. hard pine plank at \$25.00	79.95
Labor and teams, Pratt's and Titicut bridges	16.50
M. H. Cushing, lime for catch-basins .	4.10
Hartford Boiler Insurance Co., 3 years' indemnity of \$5,000 on crusher boiler .	50.00
F. C. Sparrow, 240 hours building railings, East Main, Coombs and Water streets, also putting up guideboards and street names	89.69
T. W. Pierce, merchandise as per bill .	74.75
Carl Maxim, labor, 1894	17.00
Snow plows, repairs on scrapers, &c. .	42.85
A. A. Savery, 112 loads gravel . . .	8.96
Nightingale & Childs, exchange of elevator Jaws for crusher, cheek pieces, toggles, bearings, grease, &c.	83.53
D. S. Surrey, 2 stone steps for Dr. George Ellis	12.00
D. S. Surrey, 2 stone steps for C. Hathaway	12.00
James Thomas, moving wall cor. Sachem and Wareham streets, also horn pine rollers .	12.00
E. Cromwell, blacksmithing	96.96
C. E. Weston, surveying and plan of Water street bridge and Vine street . . .	23.00
Taylor Steel Co., manganese steel jaw, 419 lbs. at 10c.	41.90

L. S. Bailey, blacksmithing	84.99
O. S. Kelley, rental of steam roller one year	1,200.00
Thomas Smith, stone at 40c. per ton . .	5.99
J. B., O. F. & F. Carver, stone and teaming	57.48
J. A. Thomas, stone and teaming . . .	13.95
J. Caples, stone and teaming	4.93
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber per bills .	161.59
N. F. Shurtleff, labor and teams graveling	54.25
Levi Tinkham, stone	6.59
L. T. Miller, 1,050 feet land cor. Sachem and Wareham streets	10.00
Moving wall, \$6.00; stone, \$17.58 . . .	23.58
J. P. Marshall, stone, wood and tallow .	14.83
George F. Bryant, 6,600 lbs. coal . . .	13.50
L. B. Pratt, 1,257 yds. excavation and build- ing part of Vine street, per contract .	293.19
T. G. Ford, blacksmithing	7.50
W. B. Stetson, 36 loads gravel at 10c. .	3.60
J. & G. E. Doane, merchandise per bill .	108.49
Received from selectmen for superintendent's ser- vices from Oct. 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 1895	387.50
From April 1st, 1895, to Jan. 1st, 1896 . .	581.25
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	\$14,789.49
Balance reserve for State road	\$711.77

It has been necessary the past season to replace and build quite an amount of street railing, which has been done in a thorough manner. All guideboards and street names have had attention, and the law complied with as far as known. I

would say that our dealings with Messrs. Nightingale and Childs was not very satisfactory.

STATE HIGHWAY.

October, 1894, the State Highway Commission granted Middleboro a State road from Sachem street to Wood street; in June an extension was granted from Wood street to Water street. Work was begun on same April 15th, and completed about Sept. 15th. 6,500 feet has been accepted by the State, or as far as macadamized; the balance will probably be finished in 1896, when, as understood, some credit due the unfinished portion will be paid upon acceptance of same. It seems as though the State road must be appreciated as it is extended; there is certainly a popular demand for it from all sections of the State. I wish I could report that cost had not exceeded State's allowance for same. As designed, Barden Hill would not have been lowered; in other places the State was laying out but twenty-one feet for width. We were allowed a four and one-half feet cut in Barden Hill, also our road was widened to thirty feet. These changes were great improvements, but very much increased the excavation, the hardest prices to compete with, which were 30 cents per cubic yard on first section, and 25 cents on hill section. I could not personally look after all excavation. Mr. Foster, State Engineer, reported me a serious loss in this item, also on the fencing, the fence on first section to be allowed $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents per foot with two coats paint, and 15 cents on second section. I doubt if it can be done, according to specifications, for either sum. I think my losses confined to

these items. As stated last season, the State furnishes no apparatus, but maintains the road for all time. Stone were crushed, separated in grades, loaded into carts and weighed, when deposited in front of crusher, as low as 12 cents per ton. Some orders have been specified as State orders, perhaps, that do not belong to cost of construction, but are a part of crushing plant.

Paid help, receiving, storing and weighing in

2,360 tons stone	\$65.00
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Paid Jacob Wood, stone at 40c. ton . . .	\$17.11
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Jacob Wood	8.83
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L. N. Leonard	57.35
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Jas. Thomas	266.93
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J. P. Marshall	42.99
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W. D. Cornell	22.30
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Jas. Farley	6.10
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W. S. Barden	18.42
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Wm. N. Shaw	72.67
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T. West	17.01
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Geo. Sherman	21.31
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John Caples	46.41
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John McNally	48.24
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Lucien Atwood	46.96
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J. B. Carver	50.28
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O. F. Carver	147.99
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Geo. Gammons	24.67
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G. Simmons	60.01
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S. S. Lovell	12.58
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E. Downing	64.79
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Paid S. Downing, stone at 40c. ton .	4.00
L. B. Pratt " .	71.58
A. F. Cobb " .	80.04
T. C. Swift " .	14.10
W. Pratt " .	42.23
Geo. Clark " .	85.59
Lewis Shaw " .	26.81
Harvey Thomas " .	28.60
L. E. Thomas " .	13.52
C. O. Cook " .	35.13
Thomas Smith " .	36.41
L. T. Miller " .	27.24
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Paid for stone and receiving	\$1,583.24
Paid help and teams for labor	6,544.13
J. A. Thomas, 24.2 cubic yards stone work	
on Stony Brook at \$2.50	60.50
41 $\frac{1}{3}$ yards paving at 65 cents	26.87
6.73 cubic yds. stone laid in cement at \$5 .	33.65
Setting 17 stone bounds and cartage at \$1.25	21.25
Freight on stone bounds	15.79
George F. Bryant, 50 tons coal	237.50
George Sherman, 175 loads gravel at 10 cts.	17.50
L. T. Miller, 781 " " .	78.10
J. P. Marshall, 659 " " .	65.90
F. C. Sparrow, fencing	574.70
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	\$9,259.13

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. SHIVERICK.

GAS AND ELECTRIC PLANT.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER.

MIDDLEBORO, January 1, 1896.

To the Officers of The Municipal Light Board:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit the following report of receipts and disbursements for the year ending January 1, 1896:

Expended for maintenance of electric plant as follows:

Globes for arc lamps . . .	\$3.67
Insurance	514.19
Commissioners' expenses . .	140.75
Stable account	129.99
Wages at station	2,131.17
Care of arc lamps, including Titicut	985.00
Office expenses	142.16
Salary and clerical work . . .	742.45
Painting building at electric station .	173.55
Repairs steam plant	82.99
" electric plant	11.79
" street lines	441.54
" water plant	319.94
Paid Middleboro water works . .	38.25
General maintenance account . .	532.57

Coal consumed*	.	.	.	.	3,276.87
Wood consumed	.	.	.	.	2.50
Carbons consumed	369.78
Oil and waste consumed	184.18
Tools and appliances	1.55
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					\$10,224.89

Paid for construction (electric) as follows :

Transformers	221.33
Station tools and appliances†	329.35
Separate arc line to Titicut	.	.	.	.	241.13
Boiler house	.	.	.	.	270.00
Foundation for boiler	.	.	.	.	165.00
Moving and setting boilers	.	.	.	.	253.00
Connecting and fitting boiler	.	.	.	.	284.16
Connecting stack	.	.	.	.	101.80
Building and equipping line to Green	.	.	.	.	712.00
General construction	.	.	.	.	300.99

Paid M. O. Rounseville, excavating, building walls and blasting rocks in river	2,000.00
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\$4,878.76

Paid for maintenance (gas) as follows :

Repairs of gas plant	\$281.12
Paid Middleboro water works	13.56
Wages at gas works	.	.	.	.	508.03
Salary and clerk hire	.	.	.	.	702.47

*The amount of coal consumed may seem at first sight to be much more than is being shown per month from July to January, 1895, which is owing to the fact that we had no water until the 12th of April.

†This includes one Weston Volt Meter, one Price's Current Meter, for accurately estimating the flow of the Nemasket river; also one Crosby Indicator, for measuring the energy exerted by steam plant.

General office expenses	137.66	
Repairs of meters	188.84	
Stable account	123.51	
Coal and wood	691.39	
Naphtha	814.37	
Fuel oil	389.44	
Repairs of gas mains and services .	82.22	
Apparatus and machinery . . .	33.11	
	<hr/>	\$3,965.72

Expended for construction (gas) :

Moving and setting boiler . . .	\$193.84	
Water ballast on gas-holder . . .	23.87	
Piping boiler	28.61	
Piping to steam trap	17.34	
	<hr/>	\$263.66

Maintenance of suburban lights :

Paid for oil	\$136.13	
Lamp wicks	3.25	
Freight	14.49	
Chimneys	18.93	
George R. Eastman, supplies and carting oil	14.77	
George R. Eastman, wages . . .	192.00	
William Reed, supplies and cart- ing oil	2.09	
William Reed, wages	96.00	
Repairs of lamps, including paint- ing	23.13	
Howard M. Bishop	2.50	
	<hr/>	\$503.29

Inventory of stock in hand January 1, 1896 :

50 gallons cylinder oil	\$32.50
40 gallons engine oil	12.00
50 pounds grease	7.50
200 pounds waste	16.00
10 pounds rubber packing	4.00
One-half barrel compound	7.50
Belting	115.00
Carbons	50.50
Cut-outs	28.55
Cleats	14.00
Rosettes	22.00
Switches	40.45
Key sockets	29.35
Keyless sockets	24.31
O. K. and R. C. wire	110.00
U. S. wire	93.00
New gas meters	54.00
Silk and cotton cord	24.12
Incandescent lamps	22.25
Arc lamps	41.58
Pipe and fittings	83.00
Valves and cocks	28.73
W. P. line wire	98.30
Poles and cross arms	45.30
Insulators and pins	8.00
Poles	18.00
Braces, lags, &c.	5.60
Bolts	8.72

Coal	879.64
Horse and wagon	147.00
Naphtha	92.40
Fuel oil	71.00
Empty oil barrels	64.00
Empty wire reels	30.00
Rubber hooks	8.37
Insulating	46.13
Hay and grain	14.43
Fire brick	19.62
Fire brick slabs	21.30
Wire cable	43.36
Kaolin	1.75
Fire clay	2.30
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	\$2,485.56
Cash on hand January 1, 1896	\$243.54
Amount due from consumers	\$804.90
Amount paid town treasurer	\$9,020.95

I wish to call your attention to the fact, that in order to legally observe the flow of the Nemasket river, (which duty was imposed by the Taunton Water Works, inasmuch as they erected at the source of the Nemasket river a dam, which materially decreases our supply of water,) we have been obliged to keep in constant employ a civil engineer and assistant, which extra expense I have charged to the maintenance account. This must be done in order that the town might be in a position to defend the case for damage to water

plant, already instituted with Hosea Kingman, Esq., as counsel.

The survey of flow of water was commenced January, 1895, and continued until January, 1896, giving an account carefully compiled by three surveys each week at Vaughn's bridge and several made at the source of the Nemasket river.

In closing this report, you will please accept my heartfelt thanks for your very valuable assistance and gentlemanly demeanor in my behalf, which has afforded me much pleasure and must leave pleasant memories for me.

Yours to command,

JOHN N. MAIN,

Manager.

Approved.

GEORGE E. WOOD,

E. L. LEBARON,

J. E. DIXON,

Light Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE LIGHT COMMISSIONERS.

To the Citizens of Middleboro:

The preceding report of the Manager of the Gas and Electric Plant, which has received our approval, shows in detail all moneys received and disbursed by this department, and from which we deduce the following summary :

EXPENSE.

Total amount of orders drawn on town treasurer \$22,324.88

Which has been expended as follows :

For maintenance, electric plant	\$10,224.89	
Maintenance, gas plant . . .	3,965.72	
Construction, electric plant . .	4,878.76	
Construction, gas plant . . .	263.66	
Suburban lighting by oil . . .	503.29	
Stock and material on hand, as per inventory	2,485.56	
	<hr/>	\$22,324.88

RECEIPTS.

Amount paid town treasurer, received from consumers	\$9,020.95	
Due from consumers to Jan. 1, 1896	804 90	
Cash in hands of manager Jan. 1, '96	243.54	
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		\$12,255.49
Less amount of stock and material on hand Jan. 1, 1896		2,485.56
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Showing net expense		\$9,769.93
From which should be deducted amount expended for suburban lighting	\$503.29	
Also amount expended in construc- tion for gas and electric plants, both of which are for permanent improvements and increase the		

value of the property to that	
amount	5,142.42
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	5,645.71

Leaving total maintenance expense \$4,124.22
for one hundred and eleven arc lights, from Jan. 1, 1895, to
Jan. 1, 1896, or \$37.15 per light per year. To which should
be added the amount paid for interest on bonds, \$3,000,
making an actual cost of \$64.19 per light per year.

As some of the citizens may consider the payment of
bonds which mature yearly an expense against the lights, but
which in reality is a partial payment on so much property
bought, and as paid for becomes an asset of the town and is
in no way chargeable to the maintenance of lights, be added,
it would make the cost appear \$73.19 per light, which is
much below what adjoining towns and cities are paying.

There has been this year an expense, as previously stated
by the manager, of over \$500 for services of a civil engineer
in taking measurements of the flow of the river and for sur-
veys, to protect the town's interests against the city of Taun-
ton, caused by the erection of the dam at the lake, and which
through our counsel we are led to believe will be recovered
together with a sufficient sum as damages for the interference
with the natural flow of the river.

In the matter of insurance on the electric plant the amount
paid in premiums per year, \$514.29, seems to be a needless
expense, as the risk, considering the manner in which the
building is equipped with hose and other fire protection, re-
duces the risk to a minimum, and should a loss occur it would

seem that it would be necessarily small, and we suggest that the town assume this risk. The above items alone, which have been charged to maintenance and which should not again occur, will reduce cost of lights nearly ten dollars each per year.

There has also been an additional charge this year to maintenance account for painting electric station, which was necessitated by the condition of the bricks, some of which being soft were affected by the rains and were scaling or chipping off, but have been preserved by the paint and the building is in excellent condition, all work having been done in a thorough manner.

The construction account is increased this year nearly \$1,900 by the extension to the Green of the arc lights at an expense of \$700, and by the necessity of larger boiler capacity at the electric station, which was provided by removing the 100-horse power boiler from the gas plant and transferring the small heater boiler at electric station to gas plant. This exchange with foundations, together with the erection of a corrugated iron building at electric plant of sufficient capacity to hold three large boilers for future use, has caused an expense of \$1,200. All of which work we trust will meet your approbation upon inspection.

You will note that in the last two years the amount received from consumers has increased nearly \$3,500. This increased output of current, together with the loss of water occasioned by the interference of Taunton with the natural flow of the river, together with an additional number of arc lights to the Green, has in the dry season taxed the steam plant to some

extent, and with the continued applications for commercial lights on account of the new bank building and other private consumers, compel us as a safeguard to the town and present consumers, should we have a dry summer and still further increased demand for commercial service, to recommend the purchase of a 250-horse power engine for the electric station.

The outlook for the coming year is that your receipts from commercial business will fully meet the maintenance expense, and as there appears to be little needed except the above recommendation for engine your construction account will be small, giving you street lights at a small sum per light.

We wish to extend our thanks to the Manager for faithfulness in the care of the property and his willingness at all times to do the work of others at either plant, which has been a material saving to the town.

All of which we respectfully submit.

GEORGE E. WOOD,

E. L. LEBARON,

JOSEPH E. DIXON,

Light Commissioners.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

JANUARY, 1896.

The report of the Librarian, herewith appended, presents the work of the library as performed by her and her assistants.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Trustees of the Middleboro Public Library:

I have the honor to submit the twenty-second annual report of the public library, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1895.

The library has been open 305 days, from 2 until 8 p. m. Twenty-three thousand seven hundred and sixty-one volumes have been delivered with cards. No record has been kept of books consulted in the library.

A careful estimate has been made of the number and class of books drawn, and, as in all free public libraries, fiction predominates,—12,629 volumes having been issued. The historical novels count up to 2,102. Juvenile books given out number 5,129; travels, 909; history, American and foreign, 536; biography, 599; scientific, 361; literature and poetry, 710; religious, 159; bound volumes of magazines, 366; other works, not classified, 261.

Four hundred and eighty-five volumes have been added during the year, and the library now numbers 6,769 volumes, not including pamphlets. Forty-three books are laid aside for the binder, and 213 volumes have been rebound. Fifteen books have been discarded as worn out, but will be replaced by new ones, as far as practicable. One hundred and three volumes of magazines have been bound, which are included in the number of books added.

Number of the last card issued, 1,512, and increase of 252 from last year.

The largest monthly circulation was in March, 2,791 volumes, and the smallest, 1,514, in July. Covered, numbered and labeled, 1,196 volumes.

Miss Lucy M. T. Brayton has served regularly as assistant from 2 until 4, and Miss Myra K. Leonard and Miss Alice M. Alden as occasion has required.

Received from sale of catalogues	.	.	.	\$1.50
Received from sale of cards	.	.	.	1.00
Received from fines	.	.	.	35.25
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				\$37.75
Paid for postoffice box	.	.	.	\$2.00
Paid for express and sundries	.	.	.	4.25
Paid for rubber stamps and pads	.	.	.	1.50
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				\$7.75

ADELAIDE K. THATCHER,

Librarian.

January, 1896.

The library has received several volumes of Massachusetts State Reports and other books and documents from the Secretary of State; Congressional Record and other public documents, through the efforts of Hon. Elijah A. Morse, M. C.; a volume from Rev. W. B. Hale, and a number of bound and unbound reports and documents from the different departments of the national government at Washington.

Special effort is made to meet the needs of teachers and scholars in different departments of school work, also of students and readers in lines of literary, historical and scientific work, so far as the means at the command of the library will permit.

The following periodicals may be found regularly on the reading-room table :

American Agriculturist,	Manifesto,
Arena,	McClure's Magazine,
Art Interchange,	New England Magazine,
Atlantic Monthly,	Outing,
Biblia,	Overland Monthly,
Century Magazine,	Popular Science Monthly,
Cosmopolitan,	Public Opinion,
Current Literature,	Review of Reviews,
Eclectic Magazine,	Saint Nicholas,
Engineering Magazine,	Scientific American,
Forum,	Scientific American Supple-
Frank Leslie's Monthly,	ment,
Godey's,	Scribner's Magazine.
Harper's Magazine,	

TREASURER'S REPORT, PUBLIC LIBRARY,
FOR 1895.

Balance on hand at last annual report . . .	\$184.16
Received from town treasurer, "dog money" . .	812.30
" " " " "other licenses" . . .	51.00
" for fines, etc., at library	37.75
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	\$1,085.21

Paid A. K. Thatcher, librarian . . .	\$200.00
Lucy M. T. Brayton, assistant . . .	76.50
Myra K. Leonard, assistant . . .	19.10
Alice M. Alden, assistant . . .	12.70
Harriet B. Sylvester, assistant . . .	6.80
Estes & Lauriat, books . . .	457.46
James H. Lamb, books . . .	10.00
Balch Brothers, books . . .	12.50
C. A. Nichols & Co., books . . .	30.00
J. G. Cupples & Co., books . . .	8.50
George E. Littlefield, books . . .	10.00
Massachusetts Year Book . . .	1.00
C. W. Drake, periodicals, &c. . .	66.22
F. W. R. Emery, rebinding . . .	95.97
F. J. Barnard & Co., rebinding . . .	10.83
Wood & Tinkham, advertising . . .	10.00
Library Bureau, supplies . . .	3.60
H. L. Thatcher, paper for covers and printing	17.08

Paid postage, express, freight, etc. .	16.97	
Jones Bros., repairing furniture	2.70	
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Balance on hand, January, 1896		<hr/> \$17.28
Respectfully submitted.		

JOSEPH E. BEALS,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Middleboro, January, 1896.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1895-1896.

Term expires 1896.	Term expires 1897.	Term expires 1898.
WM. R. PEIRCE, <i>Pres.</i>	GEORGE BRAYTON,	E. ROBINSON,
C. D. KINGMAN,	JAMES M. COOMBS,	E. S. HATHAWAY,
W. H. SOUTHWORTH.	Jos. E. BEALS, <i>Sec'y.</i>	ANDREW M. WOOD.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

For the Year 1895.

Net amount drawn from the treasury	\$6,819.18
Received as follows from	
City of Lynn	\$17.00
“ Woburn	18.00
Town of Wareham	30.02
“ Freetown	174.38
“ Nantucket	8.00
“ Duxbury	38.00
Produce from farm sold	411.54
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Paid out as follows :

For support of paupers in the almshouse	\$2,087.89
Out of the almshouse :	
Aseneth E. Alden	\$52.00
Nancy, Sarah and Olive Leonard	156.00
Mrs. Ellen Croacher	15.00
Mrs. James E. Richmond	75.50
Mrs. Allen Pratt	5.11
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Walker	45.00

Mrs. Stillman Morse . . .	64.50
Mrs. E. V. Parker . . .	84.70
Mrs. Albert Elliott . . .	186.00
Mrs. Mary L. Beisecker . . .	152.87
Mrs. Fidelia Collins . . .	21.00
Mrs. Julia A. Tobey . . .	152.10
Levi Shaw . . .	129.00
Sarah Vaughan . . .	31.00
Wm. L. White, Jr. . . .	21.75
Standish Ryder . . .	58.65
Fred Wilmot . . .	10.00
J. F. Dowsing . . .	104.00
Geo. Messer . . .	100.00
Wm. McAusland . . .	27.07
Foster Tinkham . . .	9.00
Stillman Hall . . .	60.00
Andrew J. Gardner . . .	4.00

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Town of Westport, for aid furnished

Rosalie A. Thyng . . .	\$39.00
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Town of Fairhaven, for aid for Zilpha

E. Barrows . . .	6.35
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Town of Yarmouth, for aid for Mrs.

Carlona Simmons . . .	41.00
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Town of Plymouth, for aid for Eph-

raim Bell . . .	81 00
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David Shurtleff . . .	18.75
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Town of Falmouth, for aid for Clara

S. Carr . . .	96.00
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Town of Freetown, for aid for Annie	
M. Harlow	67.00
Town of Barnstable, for aid for Eunice	
H. Tinkham	15.00
Town of Wareham, for aid for Phineas	
Haskins	9.00
Samuel Haskins	5.43
Old Ladies' Home, Brockton, for	
Patience C. Benson	90.00
City of Lawrence, for aid for Mrs.	
David Jones	18.65
City of New Bedford, aid for Mrs.	
Mary Lawrence	169.46
Mrs. William Thornton	24.00
Chester Lawrence	3.85
May C. Washburn	9.35
City of Brockton, aid for Robert R.	
Clark	9.50
City of Taunton, aid for Mrs. Nancy	
Ashley	85.50
Emma I. Hackett	33.28
City of Boston, aid for Mrs. Evelyn	
Savery	6.00
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	828.12

In Taunton Insane Hospital :

Charles Murdock	\$169.46
C. Herbert Wilder	169.46
Charles H. Littlejohn	169.46
Carrie S. Bryant	169.46

Emma K. Glancy	169.46
Thomas J. Shaw	17.64
George W. Williams	14.39
Mary E. Haskins	25.51

In Worcester Insane Hospital:

Robert Fitzsimmons	169.46
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In Massachusetts School for Feeble
Minded:

Ezra O. Cobb	212.14
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In State Farm at Bridgewater:

George Wallen	146.00
Joseph Wallen	146.00

In Westboro Insane Hospital:

Wallace C. Collins	78.46
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In Marlboro:

Joanna O'Keefe	156.43
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Aid furnished those having settle-
ments in other places:

Mrs. Hannah B. N. Bumpus, Wareham	\$16.50
William Bumpus, Wareham . .	10.12
Charles H. Fuller, Nantucket .	2.00
George W. Brackett, Lynn . .	20.10
D. H. Haskins, Freetown . .	14.00
"Ray" children, "	10.13
Ezra A. Pittsley, "	83.25
Mrs. Bridget A. Doherty, Woburn .	16.75
Hiram B. Simmons, Duxbury . .	62.00
Mrs. Amanda Glover, Plymouth .	12.00

246.85

Paid John M. Cushman, for ashes . .	\$242.08	
Geo. L. Soule, funeral expenses		
of John Dick	23.50	
Funeral expenses of a child . .	10.00	
James A. Burgess, expenses out		
of town with pauper	2.50	
Thos. C. Collins, for insurance	40.80	
S. Mendall, expenses out of town		
with paupers, and cash paid . .	6.80	
Dr. T. S. Hodgson, at almshouse,		
one year	50.00	
Dr. T. S. Hodgson, outside alms-		
house, one year	100.00	
S. L. Nickerson and wife, super-		
intendent and matron	500.00	
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		\$7,516.12

Whole number in almshouse during year . .	19
Whole number tramps during year	568
Inmates the whole time	13
Present number	18
Number of weeks for one person	959

Average expense per week, not including super-	
intendent's salary	\$2.18
Amount real estate, Jan. 1, 1896	\$9,925.00
Amount personal estate, Jan. 1, 1896	3,000.00
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	\$12,925.00

Amount of produce raised on the farm :

Hay	30 tons
Corn fodder	10 tons
Rye straw	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 tons
Mowed oats	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 tons
Rowen	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 tons
Squashes and pumpkins	.	.	.	.	.	.	3½ tons
Corn	.	.	.	.	.	.	350 bushels
Potatoes	.	.	.	.	.	.	190 bushels
Turnips	.	.	.	.	.	.	20 bushels
Beets	.	.	.	.	.	.	28 bushels
Carrots	.	.	.	.	.	.	12½ bushels
Beans	.	.	.	.	.	.	9½ bushels
Parsnips	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 bushels
Rye	.	.	.	.	.	.	20 bushels
Cabbage	.	.	.	.	.	.	250 heads
Apples	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 barrels
Butter	.	.	.	.	.	.	465 pounds
Pork	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,700 pounds
Beef	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,615 pounds
Veal	.	.	.	.	.	.	240 pounds
Milk	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,750 gallons
Cream	.	.	.	.	.	.	26 gallons
Eggs	.	.	.	.	.	.	635 dozens
Pigs	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Fowl	.	.	.	.	.	.	85

Tomatoes, cucumbers, rhubarb, green beans, green peas, melons, etc., in abundance.

There has been but one death in the almshouse during the year, Mrs. Annie M. Perkins, who died Nov. 22.

As has been our custom in the past, we again cordially invite all persons interested to call at the almshouse, and they may be sure of a hearty welcome both from the inmates and our genial superintendent and matron, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Nickerson, who will cheerfully extend to visitors the hospitalities of the house.

By the death on Nov. 18 of Charles T. Thatcher the Board of Overseers were bereft not only of the faithful clerk of the Board, who had served the town for ten successive years, but also an associate, with whom the pleasantest relations have always been sustained, a man faithful to the duties intrusted to him.

ANDREW C. WOOD,
SYLVANUS MENDALL,
Overseers of Poor.

Since the above report was prepared, Mr. Andrew C. Wood, the chairman of the Board, has passed to his rest. He quietly breathed his last on Saturday morning, February 1, 1896. His period of service on the Board covered twenty-three consecutive years, during much of which time he was chairman of the Board. As a result of a long period of intimate relation with Mr. Wood, no one outside of the family circle can feel more sensibly his own personal loss than the remaining member of the Board. Peculiarly fitted as he was by nature and habit for the position he occupied, the town has lost one of its best officers. Careful and considerate in the administration of his trust, the poor of the town will miss him as a kind friend and discreet adviser, and one ever mindful of their interests.

STATE AID

Furnished the following persons for the year 1895.

Bisbee, Sylvanus	\$34 00	Littlejohn, Ira O.	\$24 00
Bliss, Alphonso	56 00	Lucas, Abner	48 00
Bly, Mrs. Adeline H.	20 00	Merrick, John R.	48 00
Bump, Benjamin W.	36 00	Mosher, Benjamin F.	48 00
Bump, Wm. E.	48 00	Morse, Ezra	36 00
Bumpus, Marcus	30 00	Morse, Mrs. Lucy A.	48 00
Butler, Mrs. Susan K.	48 00	Nichols, Mrs. Lucia M.	24 00
Capen, Mrs. Mary L.	48 00	Norveille, Mrs. Susan A.	36 00
Chamberlain, Mrs. Catherine	48 00	Paul, Mrs. Mary A.	48 00
Chase, Ezra S.	36 00	Perkins, Mrs. Calista	36 00
Clarke, Mrs. Maria H.	36 00	Perkins, John J.	48 00
Cobb, Ansel A.	36 00	Perkins, Mrs. Joanna A.	32 00
Cole, Job N.	60 00	Powers, George	43 00
Copeland, Mrs. Amy E.	48 00	Pratt, Mrs. Maria A.	44 00
Crosby, Asa F.	72 00	Pittsley, Charles P.	120 00
Darling, Mrs. Amanda F.	36 00	Pittsley, Cordelia M.	32 00
Dorr, Amos L.	72 00	Raymond, Lucius S.	48 00
Engelsted, Charles W.	24 00	Raymond, Marcus M.	36 00
Fagan, Peter	120 00	Shaw, George H. 2d	20 00
Gammons, Thomas G.	36 00	Shaw, Isaac	36 00
Gardner, Andrew J.	12 00	Shaw, William B.	61 00
Gibbs, Abiel	48 00	Shaw, William N.	68 00
Glancy, Bernard	72 00	Smith, Hercules	36 00
Glidden, Benjamin R.	48 00	Scanlin, John	72 00
Haines, Mrs. Maria S.	24 00	Standish, Alfred O.	48 00
Haley, Edward Jr.	24 00	Staples, William S.	35 00
Hansell, Mrs. Lottie E.	28 00	Soule, Mrs. Abbie J.	24 00
Harlow, Mrs. Betsey	48 00	Thomas, Arad Jr.	48 00
Harris, Mrs. Lydia A.	42 00	Tinkham, Charles	21 00
Haskins, Harrison	54 00	Walker, Mrs. Hannah W.	24 00
Hathaway, Mrs. Susan A.	16 00	Ware, Mrs. Harriet A.	48 00
Haven, Perley	32 00	Weatherby, Mrs. Betsey D.	24 00
Holmes, Theodore P.	48 00	Westgate, Edward S.	48 00
Holloway, Marcus M.	72 00	Weston, Sanford	56 00
Howard, Cyrus S.	48 00	Weston, Dura T.	24 00
Hoves, Charles A.	72 00	Whitcomb, Mrs. Martha W.	48 00
Howland, Alvin	48 00	Whitcomb, William R.	24 00
Hunt, Ephraim A.	36 00	Wilbur, Daniel F.	16 00
Hunt, Mrs. Vesta H.	48 00	Wood, Mrs. Eliza T.	48 00
Jefferson, Mrs. Sarah C.	24 00	Wood, Jacob	48 00
Knowland, John B.	48 00		
Lane, Benjamin F.	120 00		
LeBaron, Mrs. Louisa F.	16 00		
			<hr/> \$3,648 00

MILITARY AID

Furnished the following persons for the year 1895.

Cole, Edwin M.	\$72 00	Morse, Artemas	\$42 00
Cunningham, David H.	72 00	Thompson, William F.	72 00
Deane, George R.	48 00	Washburn, Marshall A.	72 00
Dunham, William H.	30 00	Wilbur, Daniel F.	32 00
Harlow, Simeon	96 00	Wood, Daniel F.	80 00
McLauthlin, Benjamin S.	120 00		
McMann, James E.	96 00		\$832 00

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

FOR THE YEAR 1894.

*A. M. Bearse, Collector of Taxes,
In account with Town of Middleborough.*

1895.	DR.	CR.
Jan. 1. To amount of taxes uncollected . . .	\$6,164.57	
To amount of interest collected . . .	249.07	
1895.		
Dec. 31. By cash paid town treasurer . . .		\$5,609.19
By assessors' orders, abatements, etc. . .		493.48
By error in tax added .		13.81
By amount of taxes remaining unpaid for 1894		297.16
	\$6,413.64	\$6,413.64

FOR THE YEAR 1895.

1895.		
Sept. 1. To amount of taxes as committed by the assessors for the year 1895 .	\$67,296.00	
To interest collected .	49.60	

1895.		
Dec. 31.	By cash paid town treasurer	\$58,279.25
	By amount of taxes remaining unpaid for 1895	9,066.35
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		\$67,345.60 \$67,345.60

The following taxes have been committed to me by the selectmen for collection, they having been previously committed to the late Charles T. Thatcher, former collector, and I shall proceed at once to a prompt collection of the same in accordance with the terms of commitment :

Amount remaining unpaid for the year 1887	.	\$60.50
“ “ “ “ “ 1888	.	58.12
“ “ “ “ “ 1889	.	154.32
“ “ “ “ “ 1890	.	175.05
“ “ “ “ “ 1891	.	399.65
“ “ “ “ “ 1892	.	500.83
“ “ “ “ “ 1893	.	1,190.57
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		\$2,546.54

A. M. BEARSE,
Collector of Taxes.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

For the Year 1895.

A. M. Bearse, Treasurer,

In account with the Town of Middleborough.

DR.

To cash receipts as follows :

Cash on hand January 1, 1895	\$8,995.09
From State Treasurer, for corporation tax	\$4,942.08
State Treasurer, for national bank tax	2,229.63
State Treasurer, for State aid, Chap. 301, Acts of 1889	3,912.00
State Treasurer, for State highway	8,377.58
State Treasurer, for support of poor	4.00
County Treasurer, for assistance to build Grove street	1,000.00
County Treasurer, for dog licenses, 1894	812.30
Middleborough Savings Bank, loan for per- manent improvement	5,000.00
Middleborough Savings Bank, loan for gas and electric plant	5,000.00
Middleborough Savings Bank, temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	15,000.00
Middleborough Savings Bank, interest on trust fund for cemetery lot of Roswell Waldron and Benjamin Barrows	10.74

Middleborough National Bank, temporary loans in anticipation of taxes . . .	25,000.00
Middleborough National Bank, interest . . .	169.01
Ichabod F. Atwood, as trust fund for cemetery lot of Sylvester F. Cobb's estate . . .	50.00
William L. Chipman, clerk of Fourth District Court, for fines	379.00
Town House Committee	472.44
School Committee, for Town of Lakeville	222.00
School Committee, unexpended balance on repairs of schoolhouse	23.01
George L. Soule, for herring privilege	275.00
John N. Main, manager, receipts from gas and electric plant	9,020.95
Town of Wareham, for soldiers' relief aid furnished	10.60
City of New Bedford, for soldiers' relief aid furnished	99.79
Isaac M. Foye, for soldiers' relief aid furnished	4.00
Town of Bridgewater, on acct. of highway	48.23
City of Taunton, " "	183.00
Samuel N. Shiverick, " "	71.31
John Crowe, " "	96.60
Joseph E. Beals, superintendent, on acct. of highway	19.67
Charles F. Cornish, for auctioneer's license	2.00
Leonidas Deane, " "	2.00
James Cole, " "	2.00

Everett T. Lincoln, for auctioneer's license	2.00
Benjamin W. Bump, " "	2.00
Washburn's Circus, license . . .	12.00
Patrick J. Clark, peddler's license . .	12.00
Lewis Ritter, Jr., peddler's license . .	12.00
Edward H. Blake, fireworks license . .	5.00
John W. Williams, " " . .	5.00
Ezra F. Chase, " " . .	5.00
George Soule, Undertaker's " . .	5.00
Thos. W. Pierce, plumber's " . .	.50
Ansel G. Hayes, " " . .	.50
Geo. Mackintosh, " " . .	.50
J. & G. E. Doane, " " . .	.50
R. H. Ellis, " " . .	.50
Lloyd Perkins, " " . .	.50
James S. Cuzner, " " . .	.50
Alfred W. Walker, " " . .	.50
John S. Reed, slaughtering " . .	.50
Chas. J. Behlman, " " . .	.50
Chas. E. Jewell, " " . .	.50
Moses E. Gibbs, " " . .	.50
Chas. H. Shaw, " " . .	.50
Ephraim Hathaway, " " . .	.50
Thomas C. Collins, sale of map . .	.25
John McQuade, drain pipe . . .	3.85
Eugene McCarthy, " . . .	2.80
Sprague S. Stetson, " . . .	5.74
Albert H. Clark, " . . .	1.96
Jeremiah Lynch, for concreting . .	13.60

P. H. Peirce estate, concreting	.	.	.	84.90
Eugene McCarthy,	"	.	.	13.50
John McQuade,	"	.	.	12.20
L. E. Thomas,	"	.	.	17.00
Sylvanus Barrows est.,	"	.	.	15.93
Sylvanus Barrows est.,	"	.	.	21.25
Reland Barrows est.,	"	.	.	17.60
John C. Robinson,	"	.	.	16.84
Charles H. Carpenter,	"	.	.	17.60
Charles T. Thatcher,	"	.	.	16.50
Albert H. Clark,	"	.	.	14.34
S. S. Bourne,	"	.	.	20.00
A. A. Harding,	"	.	.	15.00
C. H. Leonard,	"	.	.	14.80
Joseph B. Simmons,	"	.	.	17.00
Bradford Harlow, for sewer permit	.	.	.	25.00
W. Osgood Eddy,	"	.	.	25.00
Middleboro'gh Sav'gs Bk.,	"	.	.	100.00
Alvin Pease,	"	.	.	100.00
Otis Leach,	"	.	.	50.00
H. S. B. Smith estate,	"	.	.	25.00
L. H. Houghton,	"	.	.	25.00
W. M. Haskins,	"	.	.	25.00
Edward Washburn,	"	.	.	25.00
David R. Clark,	"	.	.	25.00
Hiram Whittemore,	"	.	.	25.00
George T. Putnam,	"	.	.	25.00
Calvin D. Kingman,	"	.	.	25.00
Elmer B. Cole,	"	.	.	25.00

J. A. Sparrow, for sewer permit . . .	25.00
C. W. Maxim, " . . .	25.00
Andrew Alden, " . . .	25.00
John B. LeBaron, " . . .	25.00
City of Taunton, on account of herring . . .	10.00
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	\$92,478.69
From A. M. Bearse, collector of taxes, for 1894, . . .	5,609.19
A. M. Bearse, collector of taxes, for 1895, . . .	58,279.25
Charles T. Thatcher, ex-collector of taxes, . . .	3,911.46
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	\$160,278.59

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By cash paid as follows :

To State Treasurer, for State tax . . .	\$2,550.00
State Treasurer, National Bank tax . . .	132.59
County Treasurer, County tax . . .	5,650.80
Joseph E. Beals, Treas., for public library, dog licenses, 1894	812.30
Joseph E. Beals, Treas., for public library, other licenses	51.00
Alvin C. Howes, for E. W. Pierce Post No. 8, Memorial day	200.00
Calvin D. Kingman, suppression of crime . . .	147.75
Mrs. Augusta Doty, for interest on cemetery lot trust fund of Roswell Waldron and Benjamin Barrows	10.74
Middleborough Savings Bank, in trust for Sylves- ter F. Cobb estate to keep cemetery lot in good order	50.00

Middleborough Savings Bank, note due for school-house loan	5,000.00
Middleborough Savings Bank, notes due for temporary loans	20,000.00
Middleborough National Bank, notes due for temporary loans	15,000.00
Interest on town notes, bonds, etc.	4,709.93
Interest on gas and electric plant	3,060.00
Municipal Light Loan Sinking Fund, Bond No. 2	1,000.00
Gas and electric light commissioners' orders	22,324.68
School committee's services	150.00
School committee's orders	22,615.57
Overseers of the poor orders, support of poor	4,866.48
Overseers of the poor orders, support of insane	1,952.70
W. L. Chipman, clerk of Fourth District Court, orders, for officers' fees	258.18
Board of health orders	613.50
Selectmen's orders, for State aid	3,680.00
" " for military aid, Acts of 1890, chap. 447	832.00
" " for soldiers' relief aid	932.45
" " for concrete walks	886.88
" " for highways	13,851.83
" " for State highways	9,520.59
" " for Water street bridge	373.63
" " for sewers	109.44
" " for water	1,500.00
" " for police and night watch	884.00
" " for town hall	783.13

Selectmen's orders, for town officers . . .	2,992.22
“ “ on account of herrings . . .	171.95
“ “ for incidentals . . .	2,440.78
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	\$150,115.12
Cash on hand	10,163.47
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	\$160,278.59

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT LOAN SINKING FUND.

1895.	Dr.	Cr.
Oct. 28. To cash received from town treasurer . . .	\$1,000.00	
Oct. 29. By cash paid Brewster, Cobb & Esterbrook, municipal light bond No. 2		\$1,000.00
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

A. M. BEARSE,
Treas. Municipal Light Loan Sinking Fund.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

Upon suggestion of Amos H. Eaton, Auditor, it has been thought best that the Town Treasurer shall annually make a report to the town of all trust funds which are under his care. Not only is this right but in a matter so important, and yet so liable to be forgotten or overlooked in the future as is the

"Cemetery Lot Trust Fund," it seems almost necessary that the condition of this fund be kept on perpetual record and before the town.

Dec. 31, 1895.

The Treasurer has on deposit in the Middleborough Savings Bank the following sums "to be held in trust forever":

	Deposit.	Interest.
For estate Benjamin P. Wood . . .	\$100.00	\$10.52
Estate Jared Pratt	150.00	6.58
Estate Thomas Wood	100.00	21.76
Estate Priscilla Wood	50.00	7.02
Estate William L. Dean	100.00	19.46
Estate Jerusha B. & Ivory H. Thomp- son	100.00	13.24
Estate P. B. Holmes	100.00	4.04
Estate Sophronia L. Reed	50.00	4.12
Estate Sylvester F. Cobb	50.00	
Joshua M. Eddy lot	100.00	4.04
Calvin D. Kingman lot	100.00	7.18
Richard Cox lot	25.00	3.37
Edmund Thompson lot	50.00	1.48
Roswell Waldron and Benjamin Bar- rows lot	150.00	
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	\$1,225.00	\$102.81

AUGUSTUS M. BEARSE,

Treasurer Town of Middleborough.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS., Feb. 14, 1896.

I have examined the accounts of the officers and committees of the town for the year 1895, and find them to be correct and properly vouched for.

AMOS H. EATON,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

For the Year 1895.

MARRIAGES RECORDED.

Date	Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence
Jan 15	Michael Collins	Middleboro	Frederica Torkelson	Middleboro
Feb 5	Fred'k R Hayward	Brockton	Nellie F Lovell	"
Mar 10	Benjamin I Haskins	Middleboro	Alice M Wilbur	Taunton
31	Frederick E Braley	Sandwich	Phebe Ann Haskell	Middleboro
Apr 7	Alban R Leonard	Raynham	Emma K Hammond	Raynham
16	Frank L Harvey	Middleboro	Lillie Hunt	Middleboro
24	John A Caswell	"	Myrta E Tinkham	"
25	George W Dunham	"	Judith Frances Keith	"
May 8	Charles E Gardner	"	Lizzie W Brownell	Taunton
13	Edward Sanford	"	Nora Welch	Middleboro
18	William W Bennett	"	Ellen E Lewis	E Weym'th
June 5	Lewis A McArt	Worcester	Lillian B Hysler	Middleboro
5	Edwin F Jefferson	Middleboro	Jennie Williamson	"
5	Wallace E Reed	Taunton	Annie L Fuller	"
11	John Romankamp	Boston	Marie Madson	"
25	Harry A Stone	"	Annie Jennings	Boston
29	Frederick Elliott	Middleboro	Ruth D Merrihew	Middleboro
July 1	Louis Richter	"	Bertha Cunningham	"
2	Theo A Richmond	"	Emma Louise Pratt	"
18	Willard O Clark	"	Edna M Dixon	"
30	Harrison E Cushing	Taunton	Caroline L Aldrich	"
Aug 1	Fred E Winter	Middleboro	Helena W Winter	"
5	Herbert T Carver	"	Addie M Stone	"
19	Redmond Driscoll	Randolph	Mrs Ann Miller	"
28	William F Atwood	Middleboro	Jennie D McIntosh	"
Sep 17	Isaac Clinton Harlow	"	Bessie B Beach	"
18	John K Smith	New Bedf'd	Mrs E Cassingham	"
19	Nathan W Pratt	Middleboro	Mrs Har't A Tucker	Brockton
25	Harry E Staples	"	Emma H Pettigrew	Haverhill
29	Elihu B Morse	"	Ida M Spooner	New Bedf'd
Oct 1	Truman E Niles	"	Mrs Lucy A T Coffin	Middleboro
1	Addison E Taylor	Gardner	Fannie T Litchfield	"
16	Fred P Gill	Orleans	Bertha F Sears	"
19	George F Tripp	Middleboro	Alice M Bailey	"
19	Harry L Clark	"	Hannah C Thomas	"
21	William A Richards	"	Maggie Plunkett	"
23	William H Wilde	"	Mary M Wilde	"
29	Frank S Peirce	Lakeville	Annie J Jennings	Lakeville
30	Marcus M Holloway	Middleboro	Alfrida M Erickson	Middleboro
30	Fred S Smith	"	May Alden	"

MARRIAGES—*Continued.*

Date	Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence
Nov 5	Michael M Barrett	Middleboro	Maggie A Barry	Middleboro
9	Sheldon Benson	Bridgewater	Mrs Claribel Ellis	Bridgewater
11	Wallace T Chace	Middleboro	Eva F DeMoranville	Freetown
18	Patrick J Cavanagh	"	Mary E Boehme	Middleboro
20	Otis M Jefferson	"	Etta A Surrey	"
20	Nath'l S Cushing Jr	"	Ruth A Lea	Dighton
27	Wm Frank Holmes	"	Hattie L Wing	E Bridgew'r
27	J Fred'k Padelford	Bridgewater	Florence Robinson	Gloucester
28	Lester H Wilbur	Raynham	Rebecca C Welden	Middleboro
28	Benjamin B Briggs	Boston	Hannah A Frank	"
28	Thos J Fitzgibbons	Taunton	Julia E Sheehan	"
Dec 4	George D Alden	Middleboro	Helen D Alger	Bridgewater
24	Albert Nelson Sears	"	Annie Maria Roeder	Middleboro
25	Frank R Chadwick	"	Carrie M Reed	"
25	John K Hammond	"	Mary S Spear	Plymouth
30	John Farrell	Raynham	Lizzie Welch	Middleboro

BIRTHS RECORDED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN THE YEAR 1895.

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents	Maiden Name
Jan	3 Francis E Baker	Michael J and Alice J	Hurley
	5 Elsie Cather'e Fenno	Franklin P and Lydia F	Caswell
	7 Joseph Figerio	Joseph and Marie	August
	8 Anne Parker Arnold	John P and Ellinor	Carr
	9 John Webster Lamb	James B and Harriet	Vaughan
	11 Marie Silva Gulart	Antone and Francesca	Silva
	11 James Sullivan	Timothy and Margaret	Sullivan
	14 Ethel Eliz Fagerberg	John A and Olivia	Ericson
	24 Sarah Lydia Tripp	Herbert H and Annie M	Sawyer
	29 Olive Nettie Conway	William A and Jennie L	Aldrich
Feb	5 George Edmund Hall	Edward F and Louisa	Morrison
	11 Bernice S Moody	Thomas D and Ella F	Sampson
	11 Const'e A Farrington	Leon B and Rosa F	Shaw
	12 Lester Simmons	Hiram B and Lillian	Peterson
	12 Clifton Simmons	" "	"
	17 Norman G Eaton	Albert H and Eva G	Gardiner
	21 Alice F Whitcomb	William H and Clara M	Wright
	23 Willard M Shaw	Willard H and Alberta F	Perry
Mar	5 Flora G Porter	Henry G and Delia I	Tinkham
	6 Basil Sawyer Warren	Egbert V and Edna M	Sawyer
	7 Lillian Gertrude Burt	William T and Emily A	Westgate
	10 Garrett Edw Whittey	Edward F and Maria M	Hallison
	19 Gladys Ashley Lovell	Warren E and Henrietta	Ashley
	26 Florence L Tinkham	G Fred and Lorana	Thomas
	27 Jacob Paul	John and Annie	Schauffele
	28 Nellie Eliz Phinney	Ashley F and Inez	Jackson
	31 Earl L Williamson	Ernest E and Lizzie M	Atwood
Apr	5 Alfred Ficket	Robert and Emma	Rudolph
	6 Abraham Greene	Harris and Mary Greene	
	7 Wm Chace Dempsey	William H and Alice M	Finney
	15 Horace Galen Griffith	Arthur B and Lillian B	Coombs
	16 — Lynch	John and Maggie	Crowley
	26 Howard Pierce Davis	William F and Clara	
	27 Myles Standish 3d	Myles Jr and Fannie E	Tribou
	27 Russell D Jacoby	Asher J and Maydelle D	Drake
May	2 Sherman E Smith	Henry D and Eliza	Francis
	10 Roger V Anderson	Nicholas and Huldah	Bulland
	14 May S McManus	Bernard E and Susan	Sampson
	26 Martha A Tinkham	Charles W and Sarah	Standish
	28 Leroy Shaw Dunham	Elbridge F and Abbie E	Shaw
June	1 Charles Krauss	Paul and Fredericka	Ditmith
	1 Nellie May Buckman	Amos S and Florence E	Osgood
	2 Gladys Eliz Shaw	Charles A and Ella T	Kilbrith
	8 Mary Ellen Haskins	George and Mabel May	Harlow
	11 Harold F Dunham	Curtis H and Florence M	Pearce
	14 Flora May Stone	Frank P and Hannah T	Carver
	15 Everett Otto Drake	Wilson and Ellen A	Van Dorn
	16	Horace Ward and M Alice	Ellis
	18 Annie H Whittemore	Hiram and Nellie F	Huckins
	18 Josiah E Magoon	Josiah E and Ida L	Baker

BIRTHS—*Continued.*

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents	Maiden Name
J'ne 20	May Agnes Pearce	Thomas G and Tennyson	Gifford
21	William C Ashley Jr	William C and Lizzie	McNeill
24	John C Caswell	Alton F and Adelaide P	Morse
July 1	Edna Clara Chace	Ezra F and Clara A	Robbins
8	Louise Burgna	Fretinnado and Marie	Dunpree
11	Marie Bontine	Adelarde and Octavia	Gregure
13	Timothy R Hallison	Timothy and Ellen	Macaffrey
16	Albert F Chapman	David H and Carrie F	Stickney
23	Anton'lo Pasquarello	Domineo and Marie	Capella
24	Maria Crelia Russell	James H and Mary A	Crossen
25	Edith B Gammons	Morton L and Stella R	Bradley
30	Priscilla May Gilson	William L and Bertha W	Robinson
Aug 1	Gladys L Dunham	Albert E and Alice S	Easterbrook
6	Clifton A McCrillis	Walter C and Minnie M	Southworth
9	— Pittsley	Harry and Emma	Haywood
10	Marion Kath'e Kuhn	Victor and Amy E	Crosby
12	Cora Phillips	E Elmer and Lydia F	Gibbs
12	Flora Phillips	" "	"
13	Antone DeRosa	Manuel and Erna	Marran
13	— —	Harrison D and Minnie F	King
17	Earl Otto Rudolph	Louie and Mary	Morris
20	Marjorie Shaw	Arthur E and Florence G	Thatcher
20	Bertha F Wetherbee	Fred A and Sarah C	Loud
21	Edward Wm Kraus	Charles M and Henrietta	Halch
22	Arthur Lewis Harvey	Frank L and Lillian N	Hunt
23	— Kelley	E Joseph and Clara S	Dotey
23	Alden G Vaughan	Albert H and Laura G	Stickney
24	Ann'te A Bettancourt	Mariano and Annie E	Parry
26	Beatrice Cobb	J William and Sarah L	Chapman
30	W Ahraiase LaCroix	Ahraiase and Euphemia	Buchard
Sept 4	— Cannon	Philip and Charlotte	Maxim
4	John Edw Maddigan	John and Anna	Forthorp
8	Austen Lucas Beals	Walter L and Ella M	Lucas
10	— Constance	Henry and Aurella	Carbou
12	— Keith	Eugene J and Alice S	Tripp
14	Emily Augusta Hall	Fred P and Emily A	Hunt
17	Josiah L Thomas	Abram L and Joanna	Berry
19	Ralph O Nickerson	William W and Emma E	Perkins
19	— Harlow	Minot A and Mary A	Ellis
26	Ernest H McCarty	James and Mary	Crowley
27	— Gilford	Samuel W and Ella L	Lowe
30	Myron W Baxter	Myron W and Eugenia	Richter
Oct 4	Harold T Mason	Mark W and Eva M	Cummings
10	Everett F Boucher	William and Annie	Higgins
23	— —	Charles O and Olivia	Forsberg
27	Bessie C Griswold	Fred H and Isabella J	Elliott
Nov 2	John Jackson Martin	Frederick D and Florence V	Coleman
11	— Thomas	Ruel A and Augusta	Caswell
20	Leon Sanford Millard	Cornelius S and Lucretia	Kilton
23	Marion M Shaw	Alfred A and Lucy	Mathewson

BIRTHS—*Concluded.*

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents	Maiden Name
Nov 24	Leon Verdell Alden	J Edward and Nellie C	Paine
26	Nina Wil'ms Gallond	Arthur M and Agnes Y	Weir
27	Jos Franklin Casey	Joseph D and Mary N	Potter
29	— Gay	Charles F and Olive	Benner
Dec 1	Annie L Thompson	George H and Nellie	Farrar
2	Roy Perkins	Josiah A and Edith M	Chandler
3	Agnes M Vickery	Seth L and Amy C	Ryder
4	—	George and Cynthia Gorham	
11	Hena M Thompson	John and Julia	Goddard
18	— Posselt	Emile and Ida	Pierce
23	John Edwd Richards	William A and Maggie	Plunkett

DEATHS RECORDED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN THE YEAR 1895.

Date	Name	Age			Disease
		Y	M	D	
Jan 3	Thomas M LeBaron	84	4		Old age
4	Nancy Frisbie	68	6	15	Pneumonia
5	Lauretta A Darling	85	5	7	Stoppage
5	Catherine May Paul	3	7	12	Membranous croup
7	Hosea W Aldrich	44	8	14	Hip and heart disease
11	Henry F Pope	52	6		Consumption
18	Ezra C Brett	64	10	17	Typhoid pneumonia
18	Alice W Lovell	20	4	18	Consumption
24	John W Flansburg	64	8		Accident
Feb 1	Walter Hawkins	7	5	5	Scarlet fever
3	Jane Ellen Cobb	87	3	16	Old age
4	Ellen A Burgess	58	4	29	Bed sore and exhaust'n
15	Solomon White	75	3	6	Phthisis
16	Elizabeth F Hinckley	34			La grippe
16	Francelia Pratt	61	7		Heart disease
18	Mary A Cuzner	46	6	10	Typhoid pneumonia
23	Martin E Holmes	64			Chronic bronchitis
23	Elizabeth Richmond	69	7	5	Heart disease
24	Christy Francis Parry De Carlo		6	4	Brain trouble
25	Melissa Jane Peirce	54		13	Pneumonia
27	Elmer Wilson Carver	24	4	16	Nervous debility
27	Ellen Kenney	77	2		Old age
28	Andrew J Gardner	66	7		Apoplexy
Mar 1	Leola L LeBaron	1	10	22	Malignant diphtheria
2	Harriet Jane Eddy	68	9		Heart disease
2	George Henry Walker	62	3	21	Tuberculosis of lungs, liver and stomach
3	Charles W Wood	80	8	3	Old age & heart failure
5	Betsey A Cushman	73	4	23	Creeping paralysis
6	Maude Brackett	12			Injury
8	Sarah C Vaughan	82	6	21	Cerebral effusion
9	Lorenzo Tinkham	80	11	21	Rheumatism
13	Elizabeth R Gleason	50	4	9	Pneumonia & h't fail'e
14	George W Tillson	50			Morphine poison, prob- ably accidental
17	Anna Winslow	94	9	14	Old age
31	Lydia M Mitchell	88	6	5	Shock
Apr 3	Austin Adelbert Ford	56	5		Chronic pneumonia
7	Esther L Pratt	21	9	24	Scrofulosis
19	Mary Murphy	67			Shock [ease
29	Eva Moulton	52	3	14	Influenza and heart dis-
May 4	Arthur Endicott Newton			1	
13	Charles Atwood	55			Phthisis
15	Martha Reed	83			Old age
17	Thomas A Johnson	1			Meningitis
21	Anna Rich	70	1	12	Heart disease

DEATHS—*Continued.*

Date	Name	Age			Disease
		Y	M	D	
M'y 25	Mary A Wrightington	75	11	16	Heart disease
25	Emma Cushing	20	11	20	Consumption
31	Adeline H Bly	80	3	11	Senile apoplexy
June 4	Laura Ann Atwood	20	7	21	Septicaemia
8	Otis Leach	76	2	20	Consumption
11	Irene F Wells	58			Cancer uteri
11	Hugh M Sinclair	22	5		Appendicitis (suppurative)
16	Huldah P Bump	84	6	2	Heart disease
20	Beulah A Cole	70	9		
24	Charles Tinkham	73	9	7	Diabetes
J'ly 11	Joe Wing	14			Heart disease
12	Hannah T M Cushman	81	1		Inanition
28	George L Tillson	66	4	1	Heart disease
Aug 5	Nancy Shaw	74	9	10	Apoplexy
15	Susan W Snow	78	2	16	Organic heart disease
19	Daisy E Wynn	17	8	14	Phthisis
19	Clifton Simmons		6	7	Cholera infantum
24	Arabella Penniman	39	7	24	Dysentery
25	Flora G Phillips			11	Premature birth
27	Annah Whittemore		2	10	Cholera infantum
28	Harry E Conant	30	5	28	Typhoid fever
Sept 1	William C Dempsey		4		Cholera infantum
4	John Lewis Tobey	43	4	23	Locomotor ataxia
12	Lillian Gertrude Burt		6		Enterocolitis
20	Mary A Harlow	16	7		Puerperal eclampsia
21	Mary Ann McFarland	40	9		Phthisis pulmonalis
Oct 5	Hannah W Clark	80	8		Diarrhoea
13	Hannah C Darrow	78	11	27	Rheumatoid arthritis
17	William W Westgate	63			Phthisis
17	Mary Silva Golante		9	6	Pneumonia
19	Mary Corin Boyer		4	4	Cholera infantum
19	Daniel O'Keefe	49			Accidental suffocation and burning
20	Sarah Jane Walley	70	6	6	Heart disease
25	Flora Aurilla Wentworth	15	3	9	Congestion of brain
27	Harriet D Merrick	56	2	28	Phthisis
31	Justin Andrews	74	7	9	Heart disease
Nov 4	George William Young		2	10	Pneumonia
11	Maria A Pratt	55	5	9	Malignant peritonitis
15	Aaron Berry	67	6	13	Insanity
15	James J Wright	35			Cirrhosis of liver
18	Lauretta W Burgess	34	6	9	Phthisis pulmonalis
18	Charles T Thatcher	74	1	6	Angina pectoris
22	Annie M Perkins	57		2	Diabetes and gangrene
23	Daniel F. Wood	69	8	23	Chronic nephritis
Dec 7	Alice W Washburn	29	6	12	Suicide by poisoning

DEATHS—*Concluded.*

Date	Name	Age			Disease
		Y	M	D	
Dec 10	John Dick	60			Cancer of throat
12	Arthur B Alden	46	7	24	Suicide by shooting
13	Jethro Brown	88	11	19	Basilar congestion
15	Roxalenna Aldrich	78	11	1	Bright's disease, etc
18	Naomi Eaton	86	8	18	Shock
22	George W Williams	63			Diabetes
23	Joanna C Butman	61	10	23	Cerebral hemorrhage
24	Daniel Grinnell	65			Shock and injuries, rail- road accident
28	Leslie Russell Brett		3	9	Accidental suffocation
30	Sarah E Shaw	58			Secondary coriann of
31	Abner W Snow Jr	46	1	14	Typhoid fever [lungs]

SUMMARY.

Following are the statistics of marriages, births and deaths recorded in Middleborough for the year 1895 :

MARRIAGES.

Number of Marriages recorded	.	.	.	.	.	56
Oldest groom	.	68	Oldest bride	.	.	67
Youngest groom	.	19	Youngest bride	.	.	17
First marriage of 99 persons	Males	49	Females	49		
Second marriage of 12 persons	Males	6	Females	7		
Third marriage of 1 person	Male	1				

112 56 couples

BIRTHS.

Number of Births recorded	.	.	.	.	.	116
Males	.	.	.	61	Females	55

DEATHS.

Number of deaths recorded	.	.	.	.	.	101
Males	.	.	.	44	Females	57
Stillborn	.	.	.	1	Under 1 year	10
Between 1 and 5 years	3	Between 40 and 50 years	7			
Between 5 and 10 years	2	Between 50 and 60 years	13			
Between 10 and 20 years	5	Between 60 and 70 years	18			
Between 20 and 30 years	7	Between 70 and 80 years	15			
Between 30 and 40 years	5	Between 80 and 90 years	14			
Between 90 and 100 years	1					

DOGS.

Whole number of dogs licensed in 1895	.	.	486
Males 458	Females	.	28

AUGUSTUS M. BEARSE,

Town Clerk.

VOTE OF MIDDLEBOROUGH,

NOVEMBER 5, 1895.

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
WHOLE NUMBER OF VOTES CAST . . .	52	758	810

For Governor.

Elbridge Gerry Brown of Brockton had . . .	2	33	35
Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell . . .	41	498	539
Edward Kendall of Cambridge . . .	1	67	68
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke . . .		3	3
George Fred Williams of Dedham . . .	5	141	146
Elijah A. Morse of Canton . . .		1	1
Blanks	1	12	13

Lieutenant-Governor.

Thomas C. Buddington of Springfield had . . .	1	31	32
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield . . .	6	138	144
Patrick F. O'Neil of Boston . . .		5	5
Edward S. Rogers of Lee . . .	2	63	65
Roger Wolcott of Boston . . .	42	495	537
R. B. Simonds		1	1
Blanks	1	25	26

Secretary of State.

Edward J. Flynn of Boston had . . .	6	128	134
Joseph F. Maloney of Lynn . . .		2	2
Charles D. Nash of Whitman . . .	2	30	32

William M. Olin of Boston	.	.	.	41	493	534
Willard O. Wylie of Essex	.	.	.	1	57	58
Blanks	.	.	.	2	48	50

Treasurer and Receiver General.

Martin W. Moran of Boston had	.	.	1	29	30
Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport	.	.	40	495	535
Eben S. Stevens of Dudley	.	.	5	138	143
Charles N. Wentworth of Lynn	.	.		3	3
Blanks	.	.	4	42	46

Auditor.

John W. Kimball of Fitchburg had	.	.	39	481	520
Frederick A. Nagler of West Springfield	.	.	1	3	4
Andrew H. Patten of Danvers	.	.	2	25	27
Herman T. Regnell of Attleboro	:	.	1	53	54
Alfred C. Whitney of Boston	.	.	6	142	148
Blanks	.	.	3	54	57

Attorney General.

Frank M. Forbush of Natick had	.	.	3	58	61
Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn	.	.	5	136	141
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford	.	.	41	483	524
Squire E. Putney of Somerville	.	.		3	3
Conrad Reno of Boston	.	.	1	23	24
D. D. Sullivan	.	.		1	1
Blanks	.	.	2	54	56

Councilor.

George H. Palmer of Fairhaven had	.	.	6	156	162
Nathaniel F. Ryder of Middleborough	.	.	43	517	560

Asa F. Crosby, Jr.	1	1
Blanks	3	84 87

Senator.

Elbridge Cushman of Lakeville had . .	8	159	167
Noble W. Everett of Wareham . .	40	500	540
Isaac W. Skinner of Brockton . .	1	32	33
Calvin D. Kingman	2	2	
Blanks	3	65	68

Representative in General Court.

Samuel S. Bourne of Middleborough had .	44	537	581
Walter M. Snow of Middleborough . .		22	22
Walter Snow " " . .	1	2	3
Henry J. Roberts " " . .		13	13
Jesse B. Ryder " " . .		5	5
Jesse Ryder " " . .		1	1
Charles W. Turner " " . .		3	3
Calvin D. Kingman " " . .		2	2
D. D. Sullivan " " . .		1	1
William Holloway " " . .		1	1
Joseph Carver " " . .		1	1
William B. Soule " " . .		1	1
John B. LeBaron " " . .		1	1
Charles H. Carpenter " " . .		1	1
Blanks	7	167	174

District Attorney.

Robert O. Harris of East Bridgewater had	41	519	560
Hosea Kingman	1	1	1

Henry J. Roberts	2	2	
Dennis D. Sullivan	2	2	
Foster Wood	1	1	
T. C. Collins	1	1	
R. B. Simonds	1	1	
Blanks	11	231	242

County Commissioner.

Walter H. Faunce of Kingston had . .	43	510	553
George F. Wing of Wareham . . .	6	152	158
Blanks	3	96	99

Special County Commissioner.

Thomas Alden of Duxbury had . .	5	144	149
John J. Ford of Scituate . . .	4	117	121
Andrew J. Pickens of Middleborough .	39	490	529
Albert T. Sprague of Marshfield . .	23	341	364
Warren B. Stetson	1	1	
Chester E. Weston	1	1	
Blanks	33	422	455

Sheriff.

John W. Baxendale of Brockton had .	7	141	148
Alpheus K. Harmon of Plymouth . .	42	521	563
Thomas McDonald	1	1	
Blanks	3	95	98

Woman Suffrage.

Yes: Men's votes	11	252	263
Women's votes	3	37	40
	—	—	—
Total Yes	14	289	303

No.	Men's votes	30	341	371
	Women's votes	1	1	2
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	Total No	31	342	373
Blanks	11	165	176

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
Town of Middleborough, Mass.
For 1895.



MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.:
MIDDLEBORO GAZETTE OFFICE.
1896.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Organization, 1895-96.

ADELINE V. WOOD, Chairman.

ASHER J. JACOBY, Secretary.

MEMBERS.

ADELINE V. WOOD,	-	-	-	-	-	Term expires, 1896.
AUGUSTUS PRATT,	-	-	-	-	-	" " 1896.
EBENEZER PICKENS,	-	-	-	-	-	" " 1897.
ANNIE D. DEANE,	-	-	-	-	-	" " 1897.
JAMES M. COOMBS,	-	-	-	-	-	" " 1898.
JOANNA T. LEONARD,	-	-	-	-	-	" " 1898.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Teachers:—Mrs. LEONARD, and Messrs. COOMBS and PICKENS.

Text Books and Supplies:—Mrs. DEANE, and Messrs. PRATT and COOMBS.

High, Main-Street, and West Side Schools:—Mr. COOMBS.

School Street, Thomastown, and Wappanucket Schools:—Mrs. LEONARD.

Union Street and Fall Brook Schools:—Mr. PICKENS.

Pleasant Street and Plymouth Street Schools:—Mr. PRATT.

Thompsonville, Soule, and Waterville Schools:—Mrs. DEANE.

Green, Nemasket, and Purchase Schools:—Mrs. WOOD.

South Middleboro, Highland, and Rock Schools:—ASHER J. JACOBY.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

ASHER J. JACOBY.

Office, Room 7, Town Hall.

Office Hours, school days: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 4 to 5 P. M.;
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 to 9 A. M.

The regular meetings of the Committee are held in Room 7, Town Hall, on the first Thursday of each month, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

All bills against the School Department should be sent to the Secretary's office, Room 7, Town Hall, not later than the Wednesday preceding the first Thursday of each month.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Middleborough:

The School Committee respectfully submit their annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1895. The following is the financial statement for the year:—

GENERAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$21,000.00	
Lumber	8.37	
Tuition from non-resident pupils	222.00	
	<hr/>	\$21,230.37

EXPENDITURES.

Instruction, janitors' salaries, and fuel	\$14,750.77	
Superintendent's salary	1,500.00	
Text-books and supplies	1,674.16	
Incidentals	2,899.03	
Transportation to High School	438.74	
Transportation to Elementary Schools	1,338.25	
	<hr/>	\$22,600.95

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES.

INSTRUCTION.

Central Schools:

High	\$3,180.00
Main Street	2,207.00

Union Street	1,182.50	
School Street	1,314.00	
West Side	833.00	
	<hr/>	\$8,716.50

Suburban Schools :

Pleasant Street	\$285.00	
Plymouth Street	304.00	
Purchade	380.00	
Nemasket	319.00	
Thompsonville	195.50	
Soule	304.00	
Waterville	315.50	
Green	330.50	
Fall Brook	323.00	
Thomastown	266.00	
South Middleboro	290.00	
Highland	304.00	
Rock	311.50	
Wappanucket	266.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,194.00.

NOTE—Thompsonville School was not in session during the fall term.

JANITORS.

Central Schools	\$858.00	
Suburban Schools	117.25	
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FUEL.

Central Schools :

George F. Bryant	\$644.70	
H. K. Ellis	22.52	
G. H. Simmons	1.25	
	<hr/>	\$668.47

Suburban Schools :

Augustus Pratt	\$25.25
E. H. Shaw	20.75
O. E. Deane	18.25
Henry L. Thomas	16.00
C. N. Atwood	9.35
J. H. Vaughan	18.15
T. C. Savery	16.50
Jared Pratt	6.00
J. A. Thomas	27.00
R. J. Nourse, Jr.	1.00
J. E. Cushman	15.00
Annie M. Flansburg	11.00
George E. Holmes	5.75
A. H. Soule	6.55

 \$196.55

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Edward E. Babb & Co.	\$177.70
H. L. Thatcher & Co.	23.85
J. L. Hammett	60.28
J. B. Lippincott Company	92.71
Thompson, Brown & Co.	81.04
D. C. Heath & Co.	76.97
Allyn & Bacon	6.00
Silver, Burdett & Company	405.90
University Publishing Co.	16.00
Lee and Shepard	36.48
E. L. Kellogg & Co.	1.03
The Holden Pat. Book Cover Co.	9.75

D. Appleton & Co.	5.19	
E. S. Ritchie & Sons	9.37	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	181.02	
J. G. Gray, assignee for Queen & Co.	12.54	
Ginn and Company	62.39	
T. H. Castor & Co.	8.37	
The Prang Educational Company.	104.49	
Henry Holt & Co.	53.85	
American Book Company	173.73	
Educational Publishing Co.	2.00	
W. D. Nickerson (N. E. manager for John E. Potter & Co.)	5.50	
Eagle Pencil Company	13.85	
Charles Scribner's Sons	10.40	
Geo. F. King & Merrill	38.50	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	3.45	
Thorp & Martin Company	1.80	
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		\$1,674.16

INCIDENTALS.

Middleboro Gas & Electric Plant .	\$12.41
New York and Boston Despatch Express Co.	25.45
A. R. Gurney	2.85
John McNally	6.22
J. T. Washburn	364.16
Lloyd Perkins	25.06
Asher J. Jacoby	105.00
Hiram Whittemore	5.25
Frank Phinney & Son	4.15

H. N. Pratt & Son	.	.	.	6.91
Myra L. Atwood	.	.	.	1.70
R. J. Nourse, Jr.	.	.	.	4.05
Wood & Tinkham	.	.	.	86.75
C. H. Shaw	.	.	.	5.86
Middleborough Water Works	.			18.00
H. Chandler	.	.	.	1.30
A. C. Howes	.	.	.	3.96
Dora T. Leonard	.	.	.	14.00
Jones Brothers	.	.	.	163.96
J. S. Cuzner	.	.	.	31.92
A. P. Vaughan	.	.	.	238.34
Frank Murray	.	.	.	.50
Annie D. Deane	.	.	.	10.50
Adeline V. Wood	.	.	.	7.50
Harry Wentworth	.	.	.	2.50
D. M. Lufkin	.	.	.	1.50
I. S. Preston	.	.	.	3.20
James A. Burgess	.	.	.	19.15
William F. Deane	.	.	.	174.00
Alex Eaton	.	.	.	2.00
H. L. Thatcher & Co.	.	.	.	58.30
W. W. Lowe	.	.	.	34.15
Ira O. Littlejohn	.	.	.	11.76
A. P. Baker, for the Bobrick School				
Furniture Co.	.	.	.	161.51
L. F. Tinkham	.	.	.	4.50
T. B. West	.	.	.	14.00
C. E. Brown	.	.	.	37.25

H. F. Wood	46.00
C. W. Drake	9.94
F. A. Nants	4.00
J. K. & B. Sears & Co. . .	316.10
E. T. Lincoln	10.00
Henry K. Ellis	3.75
Lysander W. Field	3.00
Joseph Osborne . . . .	.50
Middleborough Highway Department	71.31
M. M. Copeland	4.50
Ernest I. Perkins	1.50
Joshua Sherman	1.50
C. W. Maxim	10.62
A. G. Hayes	5.00
Thomas W. Pierce	310.43
J. & G. E. Doane	65.47
C. W. Griffin	4.41
Augustus Pratt . . . .	.60
Samuel Cabot	61.60
I. & R. Hughes	182.27
E. R. Waters	3.25
R. I. Ellis	8.90
R. E. Southworth	89.52
E. O. Parker	10.10
J. G. Ford	1.35
Steam Gage Co. . . .	1.50
L. B. Pratt	1.25
James M. Coombs	1.04

\$2,899.03

TRANSPORTATION TO HIGH SCHOOL.

Agnes B. Jenks	\$20.00
Etta F. Shaw	13.38
Lizzie W. Wade	22.00
Clarence W. Cushman	18.45
Nellie C. Benson	13.38
George A. Deane	11.50
Helen W. Ham	33.32
Florence B. Reed	12.75
Harry E. Bump	1.48
Elmer Benson	11.08
Alton S. Freeman	10.50
Arthur S. Gibbs	18.47
Everett W. Nichols	1.42
Myron D. Place	18.47
Bertha E. Shaw	20.92
Estella J. Shaw	22.31
Annie W. Morse	9.35
Clarence E. Smith	21.76
Evie P. Southworth	18.45
E. Jennie Washburn	19.95
Lucy S. Weston	27.60
Clifford T. Westgate	22.00
Lillie M. Tinkham	18.45
Ichabod F. Atwood	7.39
Nannie G. Field	7.39
Cora Chase	7.39
Laura C. Deane	7.40
Grace E. Wood	7.40

Alva C. Dennett	7.39	
Alton G. Pratt	7.39	
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		\$438.74

TRANSPORTATION TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

A. J. Wood	\$320.25	
Louis Hoffman	83.25	
A. A. Savery	167.00	
Mrs. E. Blackwell	182.00	
J. H. Vaughan	271.50	
W. A. Shaw	29.50	
B. C. Shaw	118.00	
H. G. Porter	36.00	
John Green	42.75	
R. J. Nourse, Jr.	15.00	
C. T. Morse	73.00	
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		\$1,338.25

We regret that we have been unable to keep within the appropriation, but, when the number of school buildings to be kept in suitable repair is taken into consideration, we think we have not been extravagant. Our aim has been to have the rooms clean, attractive and comfortable, for that we have labored economically, but, notwithstanding, the expense has been greater than we anticipated, that of the High School alone amounting to more than seven hundred dollars.

We think it expedient to ask for an appropriation to be devoted solely to repairs, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

The demand for a new schoolhouse at Rock is imperative, the one now occupied being, in our judgment, not worth the expense required to put it in a comfortable condition. Should

it be thought best to repair it, even then it would be inadequate to the wants of the school, being too small for the comfort of those now in daily attendance.

We would recommend a building with two rooms, large enough to accommodate all the children in that vicinity, for we are convinced that in every instance when a union of schools has been effected the results have been more satisfactory than under the former arrangement.

We feel assured that all interested in the educational welfare of our young people will join with us in our efforts for their improvement—morally, intellectually and physically.

The Union Street building, to which attention has been called before, is also unfit for school purposes. It has not the requirements essential to health, comfort or convenience.

We confidently hope the town will recognize the importance of these demands and act accordingly.

We submit the following as the amount necessary to defray the expenses of the ensuing year :

Annual appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	\$21,000.00
Repairs on school buildings	.	.	.	.	.	1,000.00
Supervisor of Music	.	.	.	.	.	500.00

Having approved the report of the Superintendent, herewith transmitted, we respectfully ask your attention to the same.

ADELINE V. WOOD.
AUGUSTUS PRATT.
ANNIE D. DEANE.
EBENEZER PICKENS.
JAMES M. COOMBS.
JOANNA T. LEONARD.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee:

I respectfully present herewith to you, and through you to the people of Middleborough, my third annual report of the public schools of the town, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1895. It will constitute the eleventh of the series of annual reports of the Superintendent of Schools.

The following summary of statistics will give, at the outset, some idea of the condition of the schools and the progress that has been made.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

FINANCIAL.

Assessed valuation of the town, 1895	\$3,822,086.00
Tax rate per thousand	\$16.66 $\frac{2}{3}$
Approximate value of school buildings and grounds, 1895	\$65,000.00
Approximate value of other school property	\$7,000.00
Total expenditure for the schools during the year	\$22,600.95
Percentage of assessed valuation expended for the schools . . . . .	.0059
Average cost per pupil on whole enrollment	\$18.34

Average cost per pupil on average number belonging	\$23.20
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POPULATION.

Population of the town, U. S. Census of 1890	6,090
State Census of 1895	6,692
Number of persons between the ages of five and fifteen years, May 1, 1895	957
Increase for the year	23
Number of persons between the ages of eight and fourteen years, May 1, 1895	552
Increase for the year	5

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE.

	1892	1893	1894	1895		
				Central	Subur'n	Total
Whole number of pupils enrolled,	1,072	1,090	1,201	797	436	1,233
Average number belonging,	842	853	940	662	312	974
Average daily attendance,	734	745	860	610	280	890
Percentage of daily attendance to average number belonging,	87.2	87.3	91.5	92.1	89.7	90.9
No. of half days' absence,	44,612	41,981	29,529	16,331	12,260	28,591
No. of cases of tardiness,	2,633	2,996	3,009	915	795	1,710
No. of cases of dismissal,	1,752	1,552	2,497	1,012	647	1,659
No. of cases of truancy,	20	32	23	7	5	12
No. of pupils in the High School,	134	145	159			146

NUMBER OF PUPILS IN EACH GRADE, DECEMBER, 1895.

SCHOOLS.	PRIMARY.			GRAMMAR						HIGH			
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X Fourth Class.	XI Third Class.	XII Second Class.	XIII First Class.
Central, Suburban,	120 69	76 51	53 53	45 45	41 44	45 27	45 13	32 21	30 7	38	29	24	17
Total,	189	127	106	90	85	72	58	53	37	38	29	24	17

D Grade, 13. C Grade, 11. B Grade, 8. A Grade, 17.

DISTRIBUTION OF PUPILS IN RESPECT TO AGE.

Number of pupils between the ages of five and six years	113
Number of pupils between the ages of six and seven	123
Number of pupils between the ages of seven and eight	118
Number of pupils between the ages of eight and nine	119
Number of pupils between the ages of nine and ten	117
Number of pupils between the ages of ten and eleven	100
Number of pupils between the ages of eleven and twelve	101
Number of pupils between the ages of twelve and thirteen	106
Number of pupils between the ages of thirteen and fourteen	113
Number of pupils between the ages of fourteen and fifteen	79

Number of pupils between the ages of fifteen and sixteen	65
Number of pupils over sixteen	78

TEACHERS.

Number of teachers employed, including assist- ants, December, 1895	31
Increase for the year	1
High School: men, 1; women, 3; total	4
Grammar Schools: men, 1; women, 6; total	7
Primary Schools, women	7
Suburban Schools, women	13

II.—SCHOOLHOUSES AND SCHOOLS.

Number occupied, December, 1895	17
Number of rooms, not including recitation rooms	28
Number of recitation rooms	4
High School rooms	5
Grammar School rooms, grades IV-IX	8
Primary School rooms, grades I-III	6
Suburban School rooms, mixed grades	13
Number of houses heated by steam	1
Number of houses heated by hot air furnaces	3
Number of houses heated by stoves	13

SCHOOL EXPENDITURES.

The sum expended during the year for the schools was \$22,600.95, an increase of \$3,162.76 over that of the preceding year. A comparison of the amounts expended for the

several items during the year with the amounts expended for the same items during the preceding year shows the following results: Instruction, care of buildings, and fuel, an increase of \$937.90; text-books and supplies, a decrease of \$26.91; incidentals, an increase of \$1,999.98; transportation to the High School, an increase of \$86.86; and transportation to the Elementary Schools, an increase of \$265.82.

The average cost for each pupil on whole enrollment was \$18.34, and on average number belonging \$23.20, an increase of \$2.16 and \$2.53 respectively over the previous year. These figures are based on the whole amount expended for the schools. If we base the figures on the amount expended for instruction, care of buildings, fuel, and text-books and supplies, we find that the average cost for each pupil on whole enrollment was \$14.57, and on average number belonging \$18.40, an increase of 40 cents and 30 cents respectively over the year before.

The increase in the amount expended for instruction, care of buildings, and fuel was due to several causes.

In the first place, teachers' salaries in a number of cases were increased. This was done to carry out the schedule of salaries adopted two years ago, and to retain the services of competent teachers. Good teachers are so essential to good schools that the policy pursued by the Committee is the right one. A really good teacher is cheap at any price, while a poor teacher is dear at any price.

Secondly, an increase in the number of pupils required an increase in the number of teachers.

The large increase in expenditures for incidentals was due to the following necessary repairs and improvements that were made :—

1. In 1894, the State Department of Inspection of Factories and Public Buildings was requested by the School Committee, through the Selectmen, to inspect the walls of the High School building, and the heating apparatus in use therein. The Department complied with the request, and ordered that the walls be repaired and that the boiler be supplied with new tubes. This was done, and the building is now safe, and its outside appearance much more attractive.

2. About the middle of the year, a communication was received from the Board of Health, ordering that School Street and Union Street buildings be connected with the sewer. After due consideration it was decided to connect School Street building. The work was commenced and, at the close of the year, over one-half of it was completed. This involved an expenditure for which the Committee was not prepared.

3. During cold weather it had been found impossible to heat properly the rooms in Union Street building by the hot air furnace in use. To overcome this difficulty, the room on the first floor was furnished with a "Puritan Jacketed Stove," which up to the present time has proven very satisfactory. The room on the second floor is still heated by the hot air furnace.

4. The opening of an additional school in the West Side building necessitated the furnishing of another room. Single

desks and seats of the adjustable pattern were bought. All the rooms now in use in this building have adjustable furniture.

5. An important change, and one which involved some expense, was the transfer of the first and second grades from Union Street building to School Street building, and the transfer of the third, fourth and fifth grades from the latter building to the former. This change was made for a number of reasons.

In the first place, it made it possible to carry into effect the belief that the building and grounds whose conditions contributed most to the health and the comfort of the pupils should be occupied by the lowest primary grades. School Street building and grounds are superior in these respects to Union Street building and grounds. The rooms are more properly heated and ventilated, and the grounds are larger, more secluded, and better shaded.

Secondly, it made it possible to organize the first grade school into two first grade schools. Before the change, there were from eighty to one hundred first grade pupils in one large room under a principal teacher and an assistant, recitations being conducted in the main room and in a recitation room. Each teacher now has from forty to fifty pupils in a separate schoolroom. The conditions for more and better work have thus been greatly improved.

The change necessitated the reseating of the rooms. This gave an opportunity to arrange the desks and seats to much better advantage. As the old furniture had to be used the work proved to be difficult. It was finally accomplished,

and the present arrangement not only adds to the comfort of the pupils, but it also facilitates the work of the schools.

6. Repairs of some kind were made on all the school buildings. Part of the roof of School Street building was reshingled. The roof of Green building was reshingled, the inside walls repaired and painted, and a new floor laid. A new floor was also laid in the Thomastown building.

7. In each of the suburban buildings boards about a foot high were placed in front of the lower sash of the windows, about an inch distant from it. By raising the sashes to a proper height, fresh air may now be admitted to the rooms in such a way that the danger to the health of pupils from window draughts is greatly lessened.

8. New outhouses were built at Waterville and Rock. The buildings for boys and girls were placed some distance apart with a tight board fence between. The doors were supplied with locks.

9. Four of the rooms at the Center, and all of the suburban rooms were supplied with cabinets for books and supplies.

The increase in expenditure for transportation to the High School was due to the fact that the number of persons who attended the High School, and who were entitled to transportation, was larger than formerly.

The increase in the sum expended for transportation to the Elementary Schools was due to the following causes:—

1. The Committee tried to satisfy every reasonable demand for transportation.

2. Proper care was taken to employ only careful and competent drivers, the Committee not being willing to take any risks.

It has been the aim throughout the year to secure and retain good teachers, to furnish the pupils with necessary books and supplies, to make the equipment of reference books and apparatus more complete, to make the school buildings more comfortable and attractive, and to bring the schools as near to the people as possible. All expenditures were made with this constantly in view.

NEW SCHOOLHOUSE.

It has been very evident for several years that a new school building was greatly needed at Rock. The old building is not only very much out of repair, but it is entirely too small for the size of the school. Anyone visiting the school will soon become convinced of this. Its system of heating, ventilation, and lighting could not be much worse. Regard for the health of the pupils alone should prompt the town to act favorably on the unanimous recommendation of the Committee for a new building, and grant an appropriation for the same.

CONSOLIDATION AND TRANSPORTATION.

Some progress was made during the year in the consolidation of the schools.

In July it was decided not to reopen the Thompsonville School and to transport the pupils to the Nemasket School. For a number of years it had been necessary to transport pupils to Thompsonville to make the school sufficiently large. All the pupils who attended this school are now transported to Nemasket, without an increase in expenditure. This not

only effects a saving of about \$340 a year, but it has increased the efficiency of the school.

While the policy of the Committee is thus committed to consolidation, it does not seem possible to consolidate all the schools at the Center, owing to the distance some of them are from this point. If this could be done, more and better results would be obtained by seven teachers than are now obtained by the thirteen teachers of the Suburban Schools, because the conditions for work would be more favorable.

It is possible, however, to consolidate in certain places, and this should be done whenever the opportunity offers itself. Since a new school building is needed at the Rock, it would be wisest to erect a two-room building, then close the Highland and Wappanucket Schools, and transport the pupils to the Rock School. This would enable us to organize the one large and the two small schools, which, at present, are in separate buildings widely apart, into two medium-sized schools in one building.

The better grading of the schools and classification of the pupils, which this would make possible, would result in more and better work with two teachers, than is now accomplished by three. The superior heating, lighting, and ventilation of a modern building, together with more attractive surroundings and a more complete equipment of school appliances, would contribute very largely to the intellectual, moral, and physical growth and development of the pupils. The expense would be about the same as under the present arrangement.

The subject of consolidation and transportation is so fully

and fairly treated by Agent A. W. Edson, in the "Fifty-eighth Annual Report of the State Board of Education," that it is given here in full, and I respectfully call your attention to the same.

"There is a decided tendency on the part of intelligent and progressive communities to close the small schools in remote districts and to transport children to the graded schools of the villages, where better classification, better grading and better teaching are the rule. This is done not so much from an economic standpoint as because of the firm conviction that the children receive greater educational advantages there than in the small ungraded schools.

"The number of children in the back districts is small, and growing less every year. With few children and small classes there can be but little enthusiasm and progress.

"The leading arguments in favor of this movement are :—

1. It permits a better grading of the schools and classification of pupils. Consolidation allows pupils to be placed where they can work to the best advantage; the various subjects of study to be wisely selected and correlated, and more time to be given to recitation.

2. It affords an opportunity for thorough work in special branches, such as drawing, music and nature study. It also allows an enrichment in other lines.

3. It opens the door to more weeks of schooling and to schools of a higher grade. The people in villages almost invariably lengthen the school year and support a high school for advanced pupils.

4. It ensures the employment and retention of better teach-

ers. Teachers in small ungraded schools are usually of limited education, training or experience, or are past the age of competition. The salaries paid in cities and villages allow a wide range in the selection of teachers.

5. It makes the work of the specialist and supervisor far more effective. Their plans and efforts can all be concentrated into something tangible.

6. It adds the stimulating influences of large classes, with the resulting enthusiasm and generous rivalry. The discipline and training obtained are invaluable.

7. It affords the broader companionship and culture that come from association with large numbers.

8. It results in a better attendance of pupils, as proved by experience in towns where the plan has been thoroughly tried.

9. It leads to better school buildings, better equipment, a larger supply of books, charts, maps and apparatus. All these naturally follow a concentration of people, wealth and effort, and aid in making good schools.

The large expenditure implied in these better appointments is wise economy, for the cost per pupil is really much less than the cost in small and widely separated schools.

10. And, again, it quickens public interest in the schools. Pride in the quality of the work done secures a greater sympathy and better fellowship throughout the town.

"These reasons for consolidating schools and concentrating effort have great force with people interested in the proper education of the coming generation. The future is likely to see increased attention given to this movement.

"There are, however, objections raised to the plan, some of them frivolous, others deserving careful attention, chief among which are :—

1. Depreciation of property; decreased valuation of farms in districts where schools are closed.

2. Dislike to send young children to school far from home, away from the oversight of parents; and to provide a cold lunch for them rather than a warm dinner.

3. Danger to health and morals; children obliged to travel too far in cold and stormy weather; obliged to walk a portion of the way to meet the team, and then ride to school in damp clothing and with wet feet; unsuitable conveyance and uncertain drivers; association with so many children of all classes and conditions; lack of proper oversight during the noon hour.

4. Insufficient and unsuitable clothing; expense to parents of properly clothing their children.

5. Difficulty of securing a proper conveyance on reasonable terms; or, if the parent is allowed compensation, of agreeing upon terms satisfactory to both parties, parents and town officials.

6. Local jealousy; an acknowledgment that some other section of the town has greater advantages and is outstripping any other locality.

7. Natural proneness of some people to object to the removal of any ancient landmark or to any innovation, however worthy the measure or however well received elsewhere.

"To these objections it may properly be said :—

The first one is more imaginary than real, for any level-

headed man with children to be educated will place a higher value on the quality of the schools and the school spirit in the community than upon the number and accessibility of the schools. Experience has demonstrated the fact that property in towns committed to this plan has appreciated rather than depreciated in value.

The second and third objections are the most serious. It behooves school authorities to see that the danger is reduced to a minimum. Suitable conveyances, covered, should be provided, and competent and careful drivers selected. No risks should be taken. During the noon hour some teacher should remain with the children who carry luncheon.

The fourth, fifth and sixth objections have no great weight. The last one has great influence with those people who choose to live, move and die as did their ancestors,—on the theory that this is the last generation, and that any special efforts at improvement are just so much more than is wise or necessary."

The foregoing will probably answer all questions that may arise with reference to the advisability of consolidating schools, whenever it is possible to do so.

PUPILS.

The number of pupils enrolled during the year was 1233, an increase of 31 over the previous year. The average number belonging was 974, and the average daily attendance 890, small increases over the year before. The percentage of daily attendance to the average membership was 90.9, a decrease of .6 from that of the year before, and .96 less than that in the State for 1893-94.

Regularity in attendance is of the utmost importance. A pupil's absence from school is an injustice to himself and to the other members of the class, and involves intellectual, moral, and financial loss. Earnest efforts should, therefore, be made by school officials, teachers, pupils, and parents to increase the per cent. of attendance.

During the year there were 28,591 half days' absence. It is impossible to represent in figures the intellectual and moral loss which this involved, but if it were possible, the result would be appalling. It is easier to show in figures the financial loss of the money expended by the town for school purposes. It cost about 9 cents a day on an average to educate each person enrolled in the schools during the year. By a process of multiplication, we find that the 28,591 half days' absence represents a total loss of \$1,286.50. This is more than the principal and the two assistants of the Union Street School were paid during the year to instruct its 145 pupils. If 75 per cent. of the absences were unavoidable (but I believe the per cent. is smaller) the 25 per cent. of avoidable absences represents a loss of \$321.65.

The number of cases of tardiness was 1,710, a decrease of 1,299 from that of the year before. This is certainly very gratifying. It shows what teachers can do, for this decrease is largely due to the strenuous efforts made by them to secure greater punctuality, and they deserve much credit. The formation of the habit of punctuality in some pupils and the strengthening of the habit in others, which this increased punctuality represents, is worth many times more

than the energy expended, and the good results that will surely follow are incalculable.

The number of cases of truancy was 12, a decrease of 11 from that of the year before. If the number continues to decrease as it has in the past, truants will be unknown in a few years, a state of affairs greatly to be desired. The report of one of the truant officers, Mr. James A. Burgess, is herewith transmitted, and I respectfully call your attention to the same. (See Exhibit E.)

TEACHERS.

The policy introduced in 1894 that no person shall be employed to teach in the schools of the town, who is not a graduate of a high school of good standing, or who has not received the equivalent of a good high school training, and who subsequently has not received some training in a school or class for the professional training of teachers, or in lieu of this training, has not had successful experience in teaching, has been continued during the year just closed with good results. Experience proved, however, that the professional requirements were not explicit enough. In several instances persons were employed whose professional training had extended over a period of only three or four months. While this limited training was of some value, there was a lack of teaching power and skill which longer training would have helped to supply. The action of the School Committee last June making the successful completion of the course of study of the Teachers' Training Class, which is a one year's course, the minimum professional qualification, was, there-

fore, most timely, and one which will prove beneficial to the schools.

The rules of the Committee requiring increased and better scholastic and professional training of those who wish to enter upon the work of teaching in the public schools, is in line with the policy of the State Board of Education.

The requirements for admission to the normal schools of the State in 1896 are as follows:—

"Candidates for admission to any one of the normal schools must have attained the age of seventeen years, complete, if young men, and sixteen years, if young women; and must be free from any disease or infirmity which would unfit them for the office of teacher. They must present certificates of good moral standing, give evidence of good intellectual capacity, (records of their scholarship standing in the high schools are desired,) and be graduates of high schools whose courses of study have been approved by the Board of Education; or they must have received, to the satisfaction of the principal and the 'Board of Visitors' of the school, the equivalent of a good high school education."

In the plan for the "State Examination and Certification of Teachers," prepared by Secretary Frank A. Hill and approved by the State Board of Education, we find with other rules the following:

"To be eligible to the examination for the elementary grade probationary certificate, the candidate must satisfy the following conditions:—

(a.) He must be a graduate of a high school of good standing, or he must have received the equivalent of a good high school training.

(b.) He must be a graduate of one of the State normal schools of Massachusetts, or of the Boston Normal School, or of some approved State normal school, or he must have had at least two full years' experience in teaching."

Since good scholarship and professional training are essential to true success, it does not follow that all persons possessing these qualifications will be successful. There are other qualifications, such as health, character, and natural aptitudes for the work, that are also essential. These must, therefore, be given due consideration in the selection of teachers.

While proper and sufficient preparation and natural endowments are so very important, the growth and the development of those in the work are equally important. The school system should, therefore, be conducive to this growth and development. But whatever agencies may be at work, much will depend upon the individual teacher. He should take an active interest in all that pertains to education and the improvement of his work, and should take advantage of the many means for self-improvement that continually present themselves. He should be a student of the literature of his profession. There ought to be no time during the year when he does not devote at least some time each week to the reading of some work on education. He should take and read at least one educational journal, and, if possible, more than one. He should be a frequent attendant at educational conventions and conferences. Careful observation during another year has strengthened the conviction expressed in the last report that, other things being equal, those teachers who

read and think the most along educational lines show the most improvement in their work.

What follows will give some idea of the scholastic and professional qualifications of the teachers of the town, and of the quantity and quality of their professional reading during the year.

The number of teachers employed was 31. Of this number, 2 are graduates of colleges, 25 are graduates of high schools—18 of the High School here, and 6 are graduates of normal schools. Besides the normal graduates, 18 had professional training—2 in normal schools and 16 in the Teachers' Training Class here. The number of those who are not graduates of any school is 4, and 3 had no professional preparation.

As in former years, I requested the teachers to answer, at the close of the year, the following questions:

1. What books on education did you read during the year?
2. What educational journals did you read during the year?

Answers were received from every one. These were carefully studied, and the tabulated results are here given.

The names of the books read, and the number of teachers by whom each one was read, are as follows: James' "Psychology, Briefer Course", 8; McLellan's "Applied Psychology", 2; Sully's "Psychology", 1; Spencer's "Education", 7; Mann's "Lectures on Education", 1; Page's "Theory and Practice of Teaching", 7; White's "Elements of Pedagogy", 2; Compayre's "Lectures on Pedagogy", 8; Fitch's "Lectures on Teaching", 3; DeGraff's "School-Room Guide", 2;

Parker's "Talks on Teaching", 1; Partridge's "Quincy Methods Illustrated", 1; Arnold's "Waymarks for Teachers", 14; Prince's "Courses and Methods", 1; Prince's "Methods of Instruction and Organization in German Schools", 1; "Report of Committee of Fifteen", 10; King's "Methods and Aids in Geography", 1; Howe's "Systematic Science Teaching", 1; Hughe's "Mistakes in Teaching", 2; Kellogg's "School Management", 10; White's "School Management", 11; Browning's "Educational Theories", 1; Compayre's "History of Pedagogy", 1; Laurie's "Life and Works of Comenius", 4.

In this list are not included such books as "Evolution of Dodd", "Beckonings from Little Hands", Wiggins's "Child Life", and others which may properly be classed under educational books.

The names of educational journals read, and the number of teachers by whom each one was read, are as follows: "Education", 1; "Educational Foundations", 19; "New York School Journal", 1; "Journal of Education" (Boston), 7; "School Review", 3; "Teachers' Institute", 6; "Popular Educator", 6; "American Teacher", 3; "Primary Education", 21; "Primary School", 6; "Teachers' World", 1; "Teachers' Outlook", 1; "Normal Instructor", 1.

Of books, 2 teachers read 8, 1 read 6, 5 read 5, 6 read 4, 6 read 3, 3 read 2, and 8 read 1; of papers, 3 read 4, 14 read 3, 9 read 2, and 5 read 1. Every teacher read at least one book on education and one educational journal.

Six of the teachers attended a school of methods during part of the summer vacation.

The foregoing facts will show more conclusively the pro-

gressive professional spirit of the teaching force than any mere statement of mine to that effect would.

The following list contains the names of those who resigned during the year :

Miss Susie J. Mantle	.	.	High School.
Miss Mary E. Frink	.	.	School Street School.
Miss Susan A. Dorrance	.	.	West Side School.
Miss Nellie T. Alden	.	.	South Middleboro School.
Miss Lydia E. Holmes	.	.	Wappannucket School.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

These meetings have been conducted in the belief that they are an essential part of a system of public schools, and that teachers will help to make them a success, if they can be made to feel that the benefits to be derived are invaluable and not to be obtained in any other way.

The meetings have been of three kinds—Principals' Round Table, grade meetings, and monthly general meetings.

The Principals' Round Table met once each school month. The discussions dealt largely with topics pertaining to school management and changes in the course of study.

For the grade meetings teachers were divided into four sections, as follows: Primary, grades I-III; Lower Grammar, grades IV-VI; Upper Grammar, grades VII-IX; and Suburban, mixed grades. Each section met once each school month for the period of one hour. The time was devoted to a discussion of topics pertaining to school work, and the subject matter of a prescribed amount of reading in some work on teaching. The Primary and Suburban sections studied and

discussed Arnold's "Waymarks for Teachers", and the Lower and Upper Grammar sections, Compayre's "Lectures on Pedagogy". Parts of "The Report of the Committee of Fifteen" were also studied and discussed.

Basing a part of the work of these meetings on the subject matter of educational works has several advantages. It makes the work more definite, requires some preparation on the part of every one, and induces all to read and study pedagogical literature. To make the plan a success it should not be too slavishly followed.

The teachers were allowed one day during the year to visit schools in other places. At the grade meetings reports of these visits were given and discussed. In this way each teacher of a section received the benefit, in part at least, of the visits of the others. This proved to be a valuable feature of the meetings.

The principal of the High School and his assistants continued their weekly meetings, begun in 1894, throughout the school year. They were attended by the Superintendent whenever his other duties would permit.

The general meetings were held once a month, on Saturday mornings, from ten to twelve o'clock. Subjects of general interest were considered. In November we began the study of some of the greatest educational reformers of modern times—their lives, their educational work and ideas, and their influence on present educational thought. Comenius was made the subject for the December meeting, and all the other subjects of the programme were made to center around him. The September number of "Educational Foundations",

which contained valuable articles on Comenius and other important educational subjects, had previously been studied by the teachers. The meeting proved to be one of the best thus far held, and it is our intention to continue the plan during the coming year. The following were the subjects: "Comenius"; "The Object and Aim of Education"; "The Value of Method in Teaching"; "The Art of Illustration in the Service of Teaching"; "We Learn to Do a Thing by Doing It"; and "Some Rules of Teaching Applied to Primary Work."

We were favored with addresses by two of the Agents of the State Board of Education. At the January meeting Mr. James W. MacDonald spoke on "The Study of English," and at the April meeting Mr. A. W. Edson presented "Topical Teaching." Both addresses were replete with wise counsel and practical wisdom and were well received by the teachers.

PEDAGOGICAL CLUB.

The Club had a successful year. Its meetings were better attended and the interest manifested was greater than the year before. In March, under its auspices, a free lecture was given in Town Hall by Rev. A. E. Winship of Boston, editor of the "Journal of Education." His subject was "The Whig and the Tory in Education." The address was admirable, and it was warmly received by the large audience present.

TEACHERS' LIBRARY.

During the past three years a teachers' library has been in process of collection in the Superintendent's office, and it now numbers 110 volumes. This does not include the large number of school reports on file. It was well patronized by the teachers, and additions should be made to it each year. [For list of books see Appendix.]

TEACHERS' TRAINING CLASS.

The action of the Committee in 1894 making the successful completion of a four years' high school course, or its equivalent, the minimum scholastic qualification for admission to the class, and their action in June making the successful completion of the course of study of the class the minimum professional qualification for admission to the teaching ranks have made it possible to expand and strengthen the work of the class.

The work begins in September of each year and is continued to the close of the schools in June. It now includes both the science of teaching and the art of teaching. In the science of teaching are included (1) psychology, (2) methodology, (3) school management, (4) history of education, and (5) school law. The art of teaching includes (1) observation of good teaching, and (2) practice teaching.

During the past year the members met the Superintendent once a week for a period of two hours for class instruction. This time was divided into two recitation periods of fifty-five minutes each, one period being devoted to one subject

and the other period to a different subject. The work in each subject was based on a text-book, regular lessons being assigned for study and recitation. The class was frequently required to write on assigned subjects treating of school work. The history of education and school law had to be omitted during the spring term for lack of time, but such changes have since been made as will make it possible to give instruction in these branches during the coming year.

During the fall term each pupil-teacher was required to observe the regular teaching in each of the nine grades of the Elementary Schools giving a period of three weeks to each grade. They were allowed to teach individual pupils who needed more help than the regular teachers, in justice to the other pupils, could give; but they were not allowed to teach classes unless they were called upon by the Superintendent to act as substitute teachers. In an article in the January number of "The School Review" on "The Influence of the High School upon Educational Methods," Prof. Dewey of the University of Chicago says, "The proper place of the pupil-teacher is as a helper, here, there and anywhere that he can discover something to do, dealing with a few individuals in their personal difficulties rather than with the teaching of a class *en masse*." This well expresses the duties of our pupil-teachers during the fall and winter terms. During the spring term their duties are largely the same, but, in addition, they are allowed to teach classes in each of the grades.

A class of twelve began work in September. This made it necessary to assign more than one pupil-teacher to a room.

This is objectionable for a number of reasons, and future classes should, therefore, be limited to nine members.

Membership in the class and completion of the course of study does not insure an appointment as teacher in the schools of the town.

HIGH SCHOOL.

This school had a successful year. Although the number of pupils enrolled shows a decrease of 13 from that of the year before, I believe that more and better work was done.

The decrease in enrollment was due to several causes. The entering class in the fall of 1892 was the largest ever admitted to the school. It comprised the pupils of the ninth grade and most of those of the eighth grade. This made an increase in the number of pupils for a few years. A large number of those who entered at that time were not prepared to do the work, and, as a natural result, left school. Of the 68 pupils who were admitted the present graduating class, numbering 17, is all that is left.

Greater care has been exercised during the last two years in the admission of pupils. While this has made the entering classes smaller, the results obtained fully justify the course pursued. It has been the aim to admit all whose work in the Elementary Schools has shown that they are prepared to do higher work. Admitting a pupil who is not prepared to go on is an injustice to the pupil and to the school.

The number enrolled for the year was 11.3 per cent. of the whole number enrolled in the schools and 2 per cent. of the population of the town. The present graduating class numbers 9 boys and 8 girls. These figures are very gratifying.

A new course of study was prepared during the year. The class which entered in September began the studies of the new course, while the classes who had begun the old course will continue the same until they have completed it. This arrangement was necessary so as not to mix the work too much.

In the preparation of the course we availed ourselves of the many discussions on secondary education that have been going on within late years. The "Report of the Committee of Ten", the complete reports of the annual meetings of the New England Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools, other reports, discussions, and courses of study of leading high schools were studied. The knowledge thus gained together with a knowledge of the condition and needs of the school, and past experience entered into the preparation of the course.

While the course is based on the belief that three recitations a day, requiring previous preparation, are enough for the average pupil, those who are able to do more work without detriment to their health are encouraged to do so. We have tried to avoid both too little pressure and too much pressure.

The principal changes are the strengthening of the work in English, history, and science, the introduction of electives, and a general rearrangement of the work. What was known as the English-Classical Course is now called the English-Latin Course.

We realize that the new course is not perfect, but we think it is an improvement over the old one. Some things we

should like to have had different, but present conditions would not permit. Since a course of study is a growth and a development, and, therefore, subject to change, such changes will be made from time to time as experience may prove necessary.

About the middle of the year the "Middleborough High School Alumni Association" was organized. Two successful meetings have thus far been held. At the last meeting Mrs. Annie D. Deane of the School Committee read an interesting paper on "The History of the Middleborough High School."

During the fall term the Middleborough High School Literary Society was organized. Meetings are held once in two weeks. The pupils are enthusiastic over it, and its success is assured. We confidently look to it for good results.

The needs of the school are (1) better accommodations, and (2) a better equipment of reference books, charts, and apparatus.

Your attention is invited to the report of the principal of the school (Exhibit B,) and to Mrs. Deane's paper (Appendix.)

PROGRAMME FOR SUBURBAN SCHOOLS.

The efficiency of all schools depends almost wholly upon the character of the teachers, the employment of correct methods of teaching and the proper means of school management, and skilled supervision. A properly arranged daily programme of recitations and study periods is a very important means of school management, and this is especially true in the suburban schools having mixed grades.

The course of study in these schools is essentially the same as that for the Central schools, except in music, drawing, and nature study. It is divided into nine grades, each grade representing a year's work for the average pupil. It very seldom happens that all the grades are represented in one school at one time; but enough are always represented to tax the knowledge and skill of the teachers to the utmost to know how best to deal with the different grades in the limited time at their disposal.

Recognizing the need of a well arranged programme for these schools, one was prepared and introduced in November. It is adapted to schools having all the grades as well as to those having a less number. It requires the division of a school into three sections—A, B and C. The time assigned to each of a section's recitation and study periods is the time belonging to the grades of that section. The time given to the recitation periods of a section is not equally divided between or among the grades of the section, day after day, but varies depending on the nature of the lessons and the needs of the class. The combined exercises must not, however, exceed the time assigned to a section for any one subject.

The following, with the exception of a few slight changes and omissions, is a copy of the programme and the notes which accompanied it when it was first given to the teachers. It was fully explained in November at a meeting of the teachers of these schools.

Time of Class.	Length of Period.	C.	B.	A.
9.00	15	<i>Opening Exercises and General Lesson.</i>		
9.15	20	Seat Work.	Reading.	*Reading.
9.35	20	Silent Reading.	*Reading.	Arithmetic.
9.55	20	*Reading.	Arithmetic.	Arithmetic.
10.15	25	Seat Work.	Arithmetic.	*Arithmetic.
10.40	10	<i>Recess.</i>		
10.50	25	Arithmetic.	*Arithmetic.	Language.
11.15	25	*Arithmetic.	Seat Work.	Language.
11.40	20	Excused from School.	Language.	*Language.
<i>Noon Intermission.</i>				
1.00	15	<i>Music and General Lesson.</i>		
1.15	20	Silent Reading.	*Language.	Geography.
1.35	20	*Reading.	Geography.	Geography.
1.55	20	Seat Work.	Geography.	*Geography.
2.15	20	*Writing.	*Writing.	*Writing.
2.35	10	<i>Recess.</i>		
2.45	20	Seat Work.	*Geography.	Spelling.
3.05	20	*Drawing.	*Drawing.	*Drawing.
3.25	5	<i>Physical Exercises.</i>		
3.30	15	Excused from School.	Spelling.	*Spelling.
3.45	15		*Spelling.	Reading.

*The recitations are indicated by a star.

NOTES.

History in grades IV-VII is included under reading. Two lessons a week will be sufficient. A formal study of history, including the elements of civil government, is to be made in grades VIII and IX, three lessons a week in place of reading.

In the primary grades spelling is to be taught in connection with reading.

The writing lessons two or three days each week may be in the nature of written language work.

Music is to be taught four days each week.

For instruction in drawing the school is to be divided into two sections, section one including the first four grades, and section two all grades above. On Friday the time assigned to drawing may be taken for general exercises.

The general lessons should include current events, nature study, study of gem selections of poetry and prose, and morals and manners.

In grade IX, arithmetic is to be taught three days each week during the fall and spring terms, and one day each week during the winter term; book-keeping, two days each week during the winter term; and elementary algebra, two days throughout the year.

Physiology is to be taught during the winter term. In primary grades, three of the general lesson periods, and in grades above, three of the geography periods, each week, are to be given to instruction in this branch. Throughout the year such incidental instruction should be given as occasion may demand, and teachers should exercise great care that the pupils live up to the knowledge gained by a judicious study of this important branch.

Excellent suggestions for seat work are found in Miss Arnold's "Waymarks for Teachers."

The subject of daily programme for ungraded schools is admirably treated in White's "School Management," a study

of which has been of great assistance in the preparation of this programme. Every teacher should study it.

The programme has been in use two months, and the teachers are well pleased with its workings. It is not perfect, and such changes will be made as further study and experience may prove necessary.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Our energies have been directed to the perfection of lines of work already begun rather than the introduction of new ones. The work was characterized by an earnestness of effort on the part of teachers and pupils which was commendable, and, in general, the results were better than the year before.

The teaching of reading received a large share of our attention, and good progress was made. The pupils now read forty per cent. better than they did two years ago. The course in literature was extended.

The work in history was extended. It now includes the following books, each pupil being supplied with a copy. Grade IV has Dodge's "American History Stories"; grade V, Eggleston's "A First Book in American History"; grade VI, Hawthorne's "True Stories from New England History"; grade VII, Eggleston's "A History of the United States and Its People"; grades VIII and IX, Fiske's "A History of the United States for Schools".

In grades IV-VII the prescribed books are read and discussed. Most of the reading is done in class, though some of it is done at home. Two lessons a week throughout the year are prescribed. In grades VIII and IX a formal study of the

subject is made. The elements of civil government are taught in grade IX.

Poems and prose selections of a historical nature are studied and memorized in connection with the work in history. The following is the prescribed list: Grade I, "America"; grade II, "Barbara Frietchie"; grade III, "The Star Spangled Banner"; grade IV, "Paul Revere's Ride"; grade V, "Independence Bell"; grade VI, "Hail Columbia"; grade VII, "The Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers"; grade VIII, "The Red, White, and Blue"; grade IX, "Love of Country" and "Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Speech".

In the primary grades the pupils are expected to repeat the words, and in the grammar grades to repeat and write the words. In grades above the first, the poems of preceding grades are reviewed. The songs are sung as well as recited. More should, if possible, be done along this line than is prescribed.

Our aims in historical teaching have been as follows:—

1. The acquisition of a body of useful facts.
2. Cultivation of memory, imagination, judgment, and reasoning.
3. Moral training.
4. Preparation for citizenship.
5. Training in literary expression.
6. To create an interest in history, develop a taste for historical reading, and provide the pupil with both the power and the disposition to study the subject for himself in a systematic way.

Nature study received more attention than formerly, but

not as much as the importance of the subject demands. It is our intention to arrange and introduce during the coming year a regular course in the study of plants and animals.

The results in music are not what they should be for the time and labor that is spent in its teaching. This is not the fault of the teachers, for most of them tried to do their best under existing conditions. The results in drawing are better.

In last year's report, in reference to the teaching of these subjects, I said: "The importance of the subjects and the good results that will follow, if they are properly taught, demand that such provisions be made that the teaching may be as effectual as in the other subjects of the curriculum. The schools have been amply supplied with materials for the work; but if these materials are not properly used, and the teaching is not of the right sort, the results will not be commensurate with the time and expense involved. We need the services of a skilled supervisor, one who is able to instruct, guide, and inspire the teachers and the pupils."

I heartily second the unanimous decision of the Committee to ask for an appropriation to pay the services of a supervisor of music, and I hope that the town will see fit to comply with the request.

Elementary algebra was introduced into the ninth grade near the close of the year.

In last year's report attention was called to the fact that near the close of the year the work of the grammar schools was arranged in two parallel courses, one to be accomplished in six years and the other in four years. The plan was fol-

lowed during the past year, and while it is too early to speak definitely of its success, the results so far have been good, and it will be continued during the coming year. It is as follows :—

The course of study is divided in two ways: (1) to cover six years; (2) to cover four years.

The six years' course is divided as before into six grades called grades four, five, six, seven, eight, and nine. The four years' course is divided into four grades called grades D, C, B, and A.

When pupils enter the grammar schools they will begin the year's work together, but at the end of two or three months they will be separated into two divisions, remaining in the same room under the same teacher. During the year one division (grade four) will complete one-sixth of the course, and the other division (grade D) will complete one-fourth of it.

During the second year grade C will be in the same room as grade four. At the end of the year both grades will have completed one-half of the course of study—the one in two years and the other in three years.

The plan for the last half of the course is the same as for the first half.

The course may also be completed in five years in two ways: (1) A pupil in the four years' course may, at the end of two years, be transferred to grade seven and complete the remainder of the course in three years. (2) A pupil in the six years' course may, at the end of three years, be transferred to grade B and complete the remainder of the

course in two years. These changes do not necessitate the omitting or repeating any part of the course.

Departmental teaching was continued in the three highest grades of the Main Street Grammar School with good results.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding, I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the kind and generous support received from the School Committee, teachers, pupils, and friends of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ASHER J. JACOBY,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

EXHIBIT A.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE SCHOOLS, 1895.

SCHOOLS.	ROOMS.	TEACHERS.	GRADES.	Number Registered.	Average Membership.	Average Daily Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.
High.		Walter Sampson, <i>Prin.</i> Grace Allen. Jennie Bennett. Alice W. Collins.		146	107	103	96
Main street.	4	John P. Arnold, <i>Prin.</i>	IX	54	44	41	93
	3	Annie A. Lovell.	VIII & D	44	41	39	95
	2	Nellie M. Bennett.	VII & C	52	46	44	95
	1	Flora L. Nickerson.	VI & B	50	48	44	93
Union street.	2	Flor. E. Thompson, <i>Prin.</i> H. Gertrude Holmes, <i>Ass't.</i>	IV-V & A	96	82	76	93
	1	M. Evelyn Holloway.	III	49	42	40	94
School street.	3	Lizzie B. Lucas, <i>Prin.</i> Ethel G. Nichols, <i>Ass't.</i>	II	65	62	57	92
	2	Edith A. Roberts.	I	44	43	37	86
	1	Eleanor A. Barden.	I	109	62	54	87
West Side.	3	Eva M. Hopkins, <i>Prin.</i>	VI-VIII	27	23	21	91
	2	Lillian M. Thomas.	II-V	38	37	33	89
	1	A. Belle Tenney.	I	29	25	21	84
Pleasant street.		E. Frances Dunham.	Mixed.	36	25	24	97
Plymouth "		Charlotte E. Flagg.	"	20	15	14	91
Purchase.		Lucia A. Drake.	"	53	33	33	91
Nemasket.		Myra L. Atwood.	"	43	25	22	88
Soule.		Carrie E. Soule.	"	19	11	10	93
Waterville.		Carolyn H. Parker.	"	35	28	26	92
Green.		C. Augusta Thomas.	"	54	40	37	93
Fall Brook.		Sarah O. Morse.	"	31	20	17	88
Thomastown.		Frances M. Perry.	"	29	21	20	95
So. Middleboro.		Bessie B. Gibbs.	"	30	22	20	88
Highland.		Emma N. Phinney.	"	17	13	11	85
Rock.		Mary E. Deane.	"	40	29	23	82
Wapanucket.		Helen S. Maxim.	"	25	14	12	85

EXHIBIT B.

Mr. A. J. Jacoby, Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:—I take pleasure in calling your attention to the following report of the High School for the school year just completed:

The total enrollment during the year was 146, a decrease of 13 from that of the preceding year. The average number belonging was 107, a decrease of 2. The average daily attendance was 103, a decrease of 2. These slight decreases were due largely to the fact that the entering class in September was smaller than usual. The percentage of daily attendance to the average number belonging was 96, the same as the preceding year.

The number of half-days' absence for the year was 1592—a loss equivalent to a four years' course in the High School for one pupil. The number looks smaller, however, when we consider that it means the absence of four scholars each day from a school numbering 107. There has been a marked improvement in punctuality, the number of cases of tardiness being less than half that of 1894.

The school has been favored with 161 visits. It is worthy of notice that a large percentage of these has occurred Friday afternoons during rhetorical exercises. I think that the citizens of the town would get a larger idea of the work of the school, if they would attend the regular class-room exercises as well. They would also realize that we are very much in need of an additional recitation-room to carry on our work to the best advantage.

Some changes have been made in the High School course during the year—changes for the better we firmly believe. I would call attention to the drill in English Composition during the first term of the first year's work as one of these. I think it would be well for parents to examine carefully the programme of the courses, and help the child decide which course he is to pursue, before the child enters the school.

The following statistics for the month of December may be of interest: Whole number of pupils, 108; first class, 17—9 boys and 8 girls; second class, 24—6 boys and 18 girls; third class, 29—10 boys and 19 girls; fourth class, 38—20 boys and 18 girls; total, 45 boys and 63 girls. Of these, 51 are taking the English-Latin, 47 the English, and 10 the Classical course. About 44 per cent. are boys, and 56 per cent., girls. I think that this is the largest per cent. of boys there has been in the High School since my connection with it.

I cannot help thinking that many leave school at an early age, with the ready consent or even encouragement of parents, who do not fully realize the wealth of opportunity offered by our free public school system; that it is the privilege of every boy and girl in this Commonwealth to obtain a High school education without costing his parents an additional penny for school books or tuition; that, if they desire to continue this line of study in college or scientific school, even if their means are limited, provisions have been made for the pecuniary assistance of deserving students who are bent on making the most of themselves; that when they have completed such a course, they are in a position to judge for themselves what line of work is best suited to their tastes and abilities.

The graduating class of '95 numbered fourteen. The exercises were held in the Town Hall, Friday evening, June 28. The following was the programme :

Prayer.

Rev. M. F. Johnson.

Salutatory and Oration, Arbitration.

Frank Miller Surrey.

Essay, The Sphere of Woman.

Veretta Florence Shaw.

Recitation, Too Late for the Train.

Louisa Holmes Sampson.

Music, Selected.

Essay, The Key to Success.

Lillian Dean Bump.

Oration, The Power of Habit.

Clifford Thomas Westgate.

Essay, Fin de Siecle.

Mary Standish Parker.

Music, Selected.

Essay, The Pleasures of Memory.

Lizzie Warren Wade.

Recitation, Burdock's Music Box.

Herbert Lyman Tripp.

Oration, Apples of Discord.

Agnes Blake Jenks.

Music, Selected.

Essay, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.

Bertha Evelyn Bryant.

Recitation, Mont Blanc before Sunrise.

Mattie Morton Bennett.

Oration, The Hard Times.

Joseph Henry Edwards

Music, Selected.

Class Prophecy.

Delia Roberts Kingman.

Essay and Valedictory, The End Not Yet.

Fannie Frost Macdonald.

Presentation of Diplomas.

Adeline V. Wood, Chairman of School Committee.

Benediction.

Principal, - - - WALTER SAMPSON.

Assistants, - - - { JENNIE G. ALLEN.
JENNIE BENNETT.
SUSIE J. MANTLE.

CLASS OF 1895.

Mattie Morton Bennett,	Mary Standish Parker,
Bertha Evelyn Bryant,	Louisa Holmes Sampson,
Lillian Dean Bump,	Veretta Florence Shaw,
Joseph Henry Edwards,	Frank Miller Surrey,
Agnes Blake Jenks,	Herbert Lyman Tripp,
Delia Roberts Kingman,	Lizzie Warren Wade,
Fannie Frost Macdonald,	Clifford Thomas Westgate.

Class motto, "Excelsior." Class color, Light Blue and Dark Green. Class flower, Forget-me-not.

Music, Bay State Orchestra.

In closing, I wish to thank the school officials for their support and interest in looking out and providing for the

needs of the school—a fact that has contributed largely to its success.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER SAMPSON,

Principal.

EXHIBIT C.

GRADUATING EXERCISES

Of the Middleborough Elementary Schools, Friday, June 21,
1895, at 2.30 P. M., High School Assembly Room.

Programme.

Chorus—Fairies.	Schools.
Prayer.	Rev. Richard G. Woodbridge.
Recitation—The American Flag.	Harry W. Porter.
Recitation—Nobility.	Lena M. Baldwin.
Piano Solo—Farewell.	Edith F. Pierce.
Recitation—A Legend of Bregenz.	Mabel E. Perkins.
Vocal Solo—Tit for Tat.	Lucy P. Carter.
Recitation—King's Mountain.	George B. Ryder.
Chorus—A Hungry Spider.	Schools.
Recitation—The Pilgrim Fathers	Caro D. Washburn.
Recitation—Freedom.	Marion K. Tillson.
Vocal Duet—Whispering Hope.	
	L. Mabel Place and Grace W. Merrihew.
Recitation—The Brave Engineer.	Rufus W. Clark.
Recitation—Guilty or not Guilty.	Anne S. Cushman.
Piano Duet—Selected.	
	Grace S. Dixon and Olive W. Sullivan.
Address.	Supt. Asher J. Jacoby.
Presentation of Certificates of Graduation.	
	Adeline V. Wood, Chairman of School Committee.
Chorus—Summer Wind.	Schools.
Benediction.	

CLASS OF '95.

Main Street Grammar School.

Lena M. Baldwin,	Charles E. Boehme,
Lucy P. Carter,	Millie F. Caswell,
Harry B. Caswell,	Lizzie M. Chase,
Ocena M. Clark,	Rufus W. Clark,
Anne S. Cushman,	Grace S. Dixon,
Eugene L. Dunham,	Ralph L. Hathaway,
James G. Kelley,	Grace W. Merrihew,
James F. McClusky,	Theodore H. Miller,
Sadie M. Norris,	Edgar A. Paun,
Mabel E. Perkins,	Edith F. Pierce,
L. Mabel Place,	Stanley L. Porter,
Harry W. Porter,	Everett B. Pratt,
George B. Ryder,	Olive W. Sullivan,
Marion K. Tillson,	Percy C. Tobey,
Caro D. Washburn,	Harold R. White.

Thompsonville School.

Laura C. Deane,	Grace E. Wood,
	Alva C. Dennett.

Rock School.

Cora Chase,	Nannie Field,
	Ichabod F. Atwood.

EXHIBIT D.

TEACHERS' TRAINING CLASS.

1895.

Bennett, Mattie M.,	Middleborough High School.
Bryant, Bertha E.,	Middleborough High School.
Carleton, Alice B.,	Middleborough High School.
Flagg, Charlotte E.,	Middleborough High School.
Gibbs, Bessie B.,	Middleborough High School.
Litchfield, Annie S.,	Middleborough High School.
Macdonald, Fannie F.,	Middleborough High School.
Maxim, Helen S.,	Middleborough High School.
Nicholls, Ethel G.,	Middleborough High School.
Roberts, Alice R.,	Middleborough High School.
Sampson, Louisa H.,	Middleborough High School.
Shaw, Veretta F ,	Middleborough High School.
Dunham, Harriet E.,	Plymouth High School.
Gibbs, Ida M.,	Brockton High School.
Perry, Frances M.,	Bourne High School.
Walley, Mary T.,	North Brookfield High School.
Cornell, Netta M.,	Kee Mar College, Hagerstown, Md.

EXHIBIT E.

REPORT OF THE TRUANT OFFICER.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In preparing my report as Truant Officer for the past year I find a marked improvement as to truancy, but so long as some families live and raise children, just so long there will be children that will not attend school; for the parents of these families had to have the truant law enforced in their own behalf. In many cases the child is more willing to go to school than the parent is to have him attend. I am sorry to have to make the statement that the trouble is mainly with children of native-born citizens. Tardiness in the village arises from parents sending their children to school too early rather than too late, for they loiter about the streets and in the stores, and feel called upon to ride with order carts and peddle-wagons until past the school hour and are late at school. I have been obliged to look after several such cases. Complaint was made by a parent that his boy would not go to school on account of a cold schoolroom, yet that boy was on the street more than an hour before school time, when if kept at home until within a reasonable time, and then sent to school thoroughly warmed, there would have been no cause for complaint. Again, a child has an ill-turn, and a physician is called who says the child had better not attend school for a few days; then the parent thinks he had better not go again during school age. If such parents realized the importance

of their children attending school much trouble and expense would be avoided.

However, from a truancy of thirty in 1893, the number has been reduced to twelve, and it is the sincere wish of the writer that with the new year the parents will endeavor to have their children attend school without the help of the truant officer.

JAMES A. BURGESS,
Truant Officer.

APPENDIX.

LIST OF TEACHERS, JANUARY, 1896.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Main Street, near Town Hall.

Walter Sampson, Principal, 4 High Street.

Grace Allen, 23 Pierce Street.

Jennie Bennett, 23 Pierce Street.

Alice W. Collins, 15 Pierce Street.

MAIN STREET GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

High School Building.

Room.		Grade.	
4.	John P. Arnold, Prin.,	IX.	91 Oak Street.
3.	Annie A. Lovell,	A and VIII.	12 High Street.
2.	Nellie M. Bennett,	B and VII.	23 Pierce Street.
1.	Flora L. Nickerson,	C and VI.	69 Center Street.

UNION STREET GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Union Street, near Center.

Room.		Grade.	
2.	Flor. E. Thompson, Prin., D, IV and V.		61 Pearl Street.
1.	H. Gertrude Holmes, Ass't,		26 Main Street.
	M. Evelyn Holloway,	III.	Union Street.

SCHOOL STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

School Street, near Center.

Room.		Grade.	
3.	Lizzie B. Lucas, Prin.,	II.	10 Southwick Street.
	Ethel G. Nichols, Ass't,		22 School Street.
2.	Edith A. Roberts,	I.	8 Myrtle Street.
1.	Eleanor A. Barden,	I.	9 Myrtle Street.

WEST SIDE GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Room.		Grade.	
3.	Eva M. Hopkins, Prin.,	VI-VIII.	East Main Street.
2.	Lillian M. Thomas,	II-V.	8 Court End Ave.
1.	A. Belle Tenney,	I.	65 Oak Street.

SUBURBAN SCHOOLS.

Pleasant Street—E. Frances Dunham, North Middleboro.

Plymouth Street—Charlotte E. Flagg, 27 Pearl Street.

Purchade—Lucia A. Drake, Box 174.

Nemasket—Myra L. Atwood, Box 383.

Soule—Carrie E. Soule, Eddyville.

Waterville—Carolyn H. Parker, 62 Pearl Street.

Green—C. Augusta Thomas, 8 Court End Avenue.

Fall Brook—Sarah O. Morse, Middleboro.

Thomastown—Frances M. Perry, Middleboro.

South Middleboro—Bessie B. Gibbs, South Middleboro.

Highland—Emma N. Phinney, 24 Pearl Street.

Rock—Mary E. Deane, Rock.

Wappanucket—Helen S. Maxim, Rock.

MIDDLEBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL.

COURSES OF STUDY.

English Course.

English-Latin Course.

Classical Course.

FOURTH CLASS. (Tenth Grade.)

English,	80	Latin,	200	Latin,	200
Greek and Roman His-		English,	80	English,	80
tory,	120	Greek and Roman His-		Greek and Roman His-	
Algebra,	200	tory,	120	tory,	120
Physiology,	80	Algebra,	200	Algebra,	200
Botany,	120				

THIRD CLASS. (Eleventh Grade.)

English,	80	Latin,	200	Latin,	200
English History,	120	Geometry,	200	Greek,	200
Geometry,	200	Physics,	140	Geometry,	200
Physics,	140	Chemistry,	60		
Chemistry,	60				

SECOND CLASS. (Twelfth Grade.)

English,	120	Latin,	200	Latin,	200
American History,	80	French,	200	Greek,	200
French,	200	English,	120	English,	120
Chemistry,	80	American History,	80	American History,	80
Physical Geography,	120				

FIRST CLASS. (Thirteenth Grade.)

English,	80	Latin,	200	Latin,	200
Civics,	120	English,	80	Greek,	200
<i>Two of the following:</i>		Civics,	120	English,	80
1. Astronomy,	80	<i>One of the following:</i>		<i>One of the following:</i>	
Geology,	60	1. French,	200	1. French,	200
Book-keeping,	60	2. Review Mathemat-		2. Review Mathemat-	
2. French,	200	ics,	200	ics,	200
3. Review Mathemat-					
ics,	200				

NOTES.

The figures after each study show the number of exercises each year.

Every pupil is expected to have at least fifteen exercises each week, not counting drawing, singing, rhetoricals, and physical training.

Drawing is required in all courses during the first two years.

Singing, rhetoricals, and physical training throughout each course.

Before pupils enter the school or upon entering, they, under the direction of the parents and the principal, may elect any one of the courses; but they will not be allowed to change from one course to another without the consent of the principal and the Superintendent.

All pupils must take one of the regular courses. Permission to pursue a greater number of studies than the course requires will be granted only upon the request of parent or guardian, and then only in cases where the previous work of the pupil has been satisfactory, and the daily programme of the school makes it possible for the pupil to take such study or studies without conflicting with his regular work.

No person can enter a normal school in Massachusetts without a diploma of graduation from a high school, or evidence of an equivalent education.

The admission of pupils to the school and their promotion in and graduation from the school are governed by the following regulations:—

1. Graduates of the Elementary Schools shall be admitted

to the High School upon their certificates of graduation. For all others, whether previously connected with the Middleborough schools or not, a High School entrance examination shall be held prior to the opening of the schools in September. Persons receiving an average of *Excellent*, *Good*, or *Fair*, at said examination, shall be admitted to the first-year class in the High School.

2. The principal of the High School may, with the approval of the Superintendent, return to the Grammar Schools any pupils who are found to be unprepared for High School work.

3. It shall be the duty of each teacher to make and record, at the end of each week, upon blanks provided for the purpose, a careful estimate of each pupil's work in the different branches of study. These estimates are to be based on the fidelity and success with which the pupils do their assigned work, and also on their success in meeting the various oral and written tests which have been employed as an element of teaching. The estimates shall be indicated by letters according to the following scale of rank: 90 to 100, or E., Excellent; 80 to 90, or G., Good; 70 to 80, or F., Fair; 60 to 70, or L., Low; 50 to 60, or P., Poor; below 50, or V. P., Very Poor.

4. The principal shall, from time to time, subject the pupils to such examinations as will indicate their progress and be helpful to both teachers and pupils. Whenever the estimates of such examinations are combined with the teachers' estimates, the former shall count one-third and the latter two-thirds.

5. Pupils absent on account of sickness may have credit for the lessons lost, providing such lessons are made up to the satisfaction of the principal, but pupils absent for reasons other than sickness may be deprived of this privilege.

6. To be promoted a pupil's marks must average *Excellent*, *Good*, or *Fair*; but pupils falling below *Low* in any subject must repeat the subject, and in two subjects must repeat the year's work.

7. Pupils who have satisfactorily completed any one of the prescribed courses of study will, at the discretion of the School Committee, be graduated therefrom. At graduation diplomas will be awarded at public commencement exercises.

8. At the end of each school month a report of the record of each pupil in attendance, scholarship, and conduct, shall be made to the parent or guardian of such pupil, on a card provided for the purpose.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

COURSE OF STUDY.—LANGUAGE.

Punctuation and Capital Letters.

FIRST GRADE.

1. Use of the period and interrogation points at the end of a sentence.

2. Use of capitals (1) at beginning of sentences; (2) in proper names—pupils being taught to write their own names; (3) in writing the words *I* and *O*.

SECOND GRADE.

Review of the work of the preceding grade.

1. Use (1) of the exclamation point; (2) of the comma after direct address and after words in a series; (3) of the apostrophe in contractions and in singular possessives.

2. Use of capitals in (1) proper names; (2) names of places; (3) names of streets; (4) name of the school; (5) names of the days of the week; (6) names of the months.

THIRD GRADE.

Thorough review of the work of the preceding grades.

1. Use (1) of the period as a mark of abbreviation; (2) of the comma and period in punctuating date and address; (3) of quotation marks, and of the comma in connection with quotations.

2. Use of capitals in headings, or titles of books, and in quotations.

FOURTH GRADE.

Review of the work of the preceding grades.

1. Quotation marks thoroughly taught. Use of (1) comma and colon before a quotation ; (2) the apostrophe in plural possessives ; (3) the hyphen at the end of a line when a word is rightly divided.

2. Capital at the beginning of a line of poetry.

FIFTH GRADE.

Review and continue the work of the preceding grades.

1. Use (1) of the comma in separating the members of a compound sentence ; (2) of the semicolon in separating the members of a compound sentence, when they are subdivided by commas.

2. Use of capitals in (1) titles of honor or respect ; (2) names of religious sects, political parties, or special bodies of men ; (3) in words naming particular things or events of special importance ; (4) any name or title of God ; (5) words derived from proper names.

SIXTH GRADE.

Review and continue the work of the preceding grades.

1. Use of the comma in transposed, explanatory, and intermediate expressions.

SEVENTH GRADE.

Continue the work of preceding grades.

All important uses of punctuation marks and of capital letters not yet taught.

EIGHTH AND NINTH GRADES.

Continue the work of preceding grades.

Grade D.—Work of the fourth grade and the first half of the fifth grade.

Grade C.—Work of the last half of the fifth grade and all of the sixth grade.

Grade B.—Work of the seventh grade and the first half of the eighth grade.

Grade A.—Work of the last half of the eighth grade and all of the ninth grade.

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS

IN THE

TEACHERS' LIBRARY, SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Compayre's History of Pedagogy.

Painter's History of Education. (9.)

Quick's Educational Reformers.

Browning's Educational Theories.

Allen's Outlines of Educational History.

Davidson's The Education of the Greek People.

Rosseau's Emile.

Boone's Education in the United States.

Martin's Evolution of the Massachusetts Public School System.

Spencer's Education.

Educational Foundations, Vol. 4.

Fitch's Improvement in the Art of Teaching.

Payne's Lectures on the Science and Art of Education.

Rosenkrantz's Philosophy of Education.

DeGarmo's Essentials of Method.

DeGarmo's Herbart and the Herbartians.

Page's Theory and Practice of Teaching.

The Teacher's Mentor.

Northend's Parent and Teacher.

Putnam's Manual of Pedagogics.

Report of the Committee of Ten.

Report of the Committee of Fifteen.

White's School Management. (11.)

White's Elements of Pedagogy. (12.)

Fitch's Lectures on Teaching. (2.)

Compayre's Lectures on Pedagogy.
 Brook's Normal Methods of Teaching. (2.)
 DeGraff's School Room Guide.
 Prince's Courses and Methods.
 Prince's Methods in the Schools of Germany.
 Arnold's Waymarks for Teachers. (5.)
 Partridge's Quincy Methods Illustrated.
 Parker's Talks on Teaching.
 Parker's Talks on Pedagogics.
 Noetling's Notes on Education.
 Hughes's Mistakes in Teaching.
 Methods of Teaching Modern Languages.
 Metcalf's How to Teach Language.
 Calkins' How to Teach Phonics.
 Burt's Literary Landmarks.
 Hinsdale's How to Study and Teach History.
 Gordy and Twitchell's Pathfinder in American History.
 Redway's Manual of Geography.
 King's Methods and Aids in Teaching Geography.
 Crocker's Methods of Teaching Geography.
 McLellan and Dewey's The Psychology of Number.
 Shutts' Handbook of Arithmetic.
 Hanus' Geometry in the Grammar School.
 Howe's Systematic Science Teaching.
 Payne's Nature Study.
 Ricks' Natural History Object Lessons.
 Bert's Primer of Scientific Knowledge.
 Harrington's Patriotic Reader.
 Harrington's Beacon Lights of Patriotism.

Ladd's Psychology ; Descriptive and Explanatory.

Ladd's Primer of Psychology. (12.)

McLellan's Applied Psychology. (2.)

Kirkpatrick's Inductive Psychology.

Kellogg's Elementary Psychology.

Tracy's Psychology of Childhood.

Lange's Apperception—DeGarmo.

Publications of the Bureau of Education.

School Reports.

NOTE.—The numbers in parentheses show the number of books of a kind.

HISTORY OF THE MIDDLEBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL.

A paper read by Mrs. Annie D. Deane at the mid-winter meeting of the Middleborough High School Alumni Association, Friday evening, Dec. 27, 1895.

About 46 years ago, a man named Thomas Covington, and it is a singular fact that he lived in the old house which stood where our High School building of to-day stands, ambitious that his daughter should be instructed in the higher branches, arose in town meeting and said he was prepared to begin a lawsuit against the town at once if they did not take some action in regard to establishing a High School. Accordingly in the report of the town meeting held Aug. 6, 1849, we find—"Voted, to establish an High School as the law directs."

In the School Committee's report for the year '49-'50, which was the first report to be printed, we find this article: "Your Committee have attended to the duty assigned to them by the town in relation to the High School, and report as follows: The first term commenced in the vestry of Rev. Dr. Putnam's church, which was the church at the Green, under the instruction of Ephraim Ward, Jr. Number of scholars, 21. The results were very satisfactory. The second term was taught in the schoolhouse in District No. 20, Titicut, with the same teacher as principal. Number of pupils, 55." And the report goes on to say: "Your Committee share in the prevalent feeling of the town that the money expended for this school might be more usefully appropriated for the use of our other schools. The probable expense of the school will be about \$400 for the year."

In the School Committee's report for '50-'51 we find this report of the High School: "The third term was held in the schoolhouse of District No. 22, the same teacher; fourth term, schoolhouse of District No. 31; fifth term was in charge of Rev. Mr. Simonds, school held in District No. 13. Whole number of scholars, 29."

From a digest of school laws printed at that time we copy the following law pertaining to High Schools: "Any town, containing 500 families, shall, besides the common schools, maintain a school, to be kept by a master of competent ability and good morals, who shall in addition to the branches of learning already mentioned, give instruction in History of United States, book-keeping, surveying and algebra, and such school must be kept for the benefit of all the inhabitants of the town, ten months at least in each year."

Middleborough and Lakeville being one town, it probably contained the required number of families to support a High School, which was undoubtedly the reason for its existence at this time. After this year, 1850, the High School seems to have "sunk into oblivion," for we find not the remotest allusion to it in the following reports of the School Committee, no doubt on account of setting off Lakeville as a town by itself.

In 1865, or about 30 years ago, we find the subject of a High School being agitated. The law of the State made it necessary for every town having 4,000 inhabitants to maintain a school for all, having a teacher qualified to teach besides the common branches of study the higher branches, also the languages. And the Committee earnestly recommended that such a school be established and maintained, as it would raise

the standard of education in the town, and be a means of improving the district schools, as the scholars would be ambitious to qualify themselves for the honor of being a member of the High School; and that it would be much the better way to have it located in some place near the center of the town, as the idea of a movable High School was not practicable.

At the annual town meeting of 1867, it was voted to appropriate \$1,000 for a town High School, and the Committee were instructed to locate said school in four different sections of the town; but for lack of scholars, no school was established in but two sections.

At the Rock, the Rev. F. G. Pratt taught the fall term. There being no suitable building in the center for the High School, the Committee availed themselves of an offer made to the town by the Trustees of Peirce Academy, and placed the school in their building, and the services of an enthusiastic teacher were secured, Mr. C. A. Cole, who taught about a year. The Committee felt that a High School which should be the "head-center" of our system of common schools was now well started.

In '68, Mr. Elbridge Cushman, who was one of the Committee, taught the school at the Rock. At the center, the chapel of the Congregational church was hired and Mr. Charles A. Smart, a graduate of Brown University, and Mr. S. J. Dike, a graduate of Amherst, were the teachers. It was in this year that the new law was enacted allowing towns to transport scholars at the public expense, and the Committee suggested that the town authorize them to pay a certain sum

for the transportation of scholars, so that the whole town, instead of a part, would patronize the school.

In the year '69, a supplement to the High School was taught at North Middleborough by Rev. H. L. Edwards in the form of a Latin class of about ten pupils, also a branch High School at the Rock by Elbridge Cushman. In this year the Academy building was hired at a rent of \$300 per year, as it did not seem advisable to erect a building suitable for the purpose. The first term was taught by Mr. Henry Dame, and the remainder of the year by Mr. G. F. Robinson.

The standard of admission was low, and no attempt to classify the pupils had been attempted, and a three years' course of study was recommended by the Committee. At the town meeting in March, '71, the town voted \$300 to pay traveling expenses to and from the High School; consequently there was but one school during the year which was held in Academy building, the first term taught by Mr. G. F. Robinson. For the remainder of the year the school was under the instruction of Prof. J. W. P. Jenks, and through him the pupils enjoyed the advantages of the extensive cabinet and apparatus belonging to Peirce Academy, and he attempted to organize the school upon a plan of a three years' course of study, arranging for three courses, English, English and classical, and classical.

The summer term of the next year was taught by Misses Lydia and Ella Robinson, both graduates of our higher seminaries. They resigned at the close of the term, and Mr. E. E. Parker, a Dartmouth graduate, took their place. During his third term, the first regular assistant was employed,

Miss Annie D. Pratt, now Mrs. L. Deane. At the close of this term he resigned, greatly to the regret of the Committee. The services of Mr. A. W. Blair were secured, another Dartmouth graduate. He labored faithfully to establish a course of study which should be strictly adhered to, in order that a class might be prepared for graduation. At the close of one year he resigned, to be followed by Mr. George H. Adams, who only remained one term.

Mr. J. H. Willoughby, another Dartmouth graduate, followed. Although there had been a frequent change of teachers, the Committee felt that the High School was making commendable progress. With the coming of Mr. Willoughby, the school took possession of the commodious and pleasant rooms provided for it in the new and elegant Town House, just completed, ('74). It occupied four rooms. Mr. Willoughby succeeded in getting the school well classified, and formed a graduating class from those who had been in the school for a number of years. During this year drawing was introduced into the High School, and a special teacher was employed, Miss Anna C. Eddy. Two courses of study were arranged at this time, English and classical, and English.

At the close of the school year in June, 1876, a class was for the first time graduated from the High School. I think the names of this class should be mentioned: Mariquita P. Eddy, Annie E. Leach, Mattie Lovell, Minnie D. Case, Helena Shaw, Annah Soule, J. Harvey Doane, Andrew J. Bisbee.

A large class entered with the fall term, and the High School has not failed of its graduating class from that year

to this, although the second class to graduate numbered but one lone member, Walton Clark. The school continued with only one assistant until 1885, when a second assistant was employed.

At the close of the summer term of '86, Mr. Willoughby severed his connection with the school, after a term of service of nearly 13 years, and the principals immediately following were Dr. Charles S. Ober, who taught one term, to be followed by Mr. A. K. Potter, Jr., a graduate of Brown University.

In 1886 we find our High School in a new and costly building, with the largest enrollment since its existence, 110, and with the next year a third assistant was employed.

In the year 1890 Mr. Potter resigned his position, and Walter Sampson took his place. And we are glad to say that we still have him with us. We feel that it has been the determined purpose of his work to raise the standard of the school. Although there have been many and frequent changes among the assistants, still our High School has made progress in the right direction, and we have a school of which we are justly proud, though we have bright anticipations for the future when our High School shall occupy a building exclusively its own, with the necessary rooms and appliances for its greatest growth.

In closing, a list of the assistant teachers in their order of service is presented. Miss Pratt resigned in 1878, and Miss R. E. Stacy came. Miss Stacy was succeeded by Miss Folger, who came in the fall term of 1879. In 1882 Miss Grace Robertson came for one year, when Miss Folger re-

turned. In 1885 Miss Dora Pierce, now Mrs. G. G. Leonard, an additional assistant, was employed. Miss Zilpha Chace and Miss Mary Emerson followed, with Miss Mary Chace next in line, to be succeeded by Miss Frances Nichols; then Miss Sadie M. Lake, Miss Etta L. Chapman, Miss Ella MacGregor, and Miss Mabel B. Woodbury, A. B. In 1893 Miss Zilpha Chace, first assistant, resigned, greatly to the regret of all, to be followed by Miss Annie M. Greene, first assistant, with Miss M. Josephine Hodgdon and Miss F. Gertrude Coolidge as second and third assistants. Then came Miss Grace Allen, Miss Susie J. Mantle, and Miss Jennie Bennett. Miss Mantle, resigning her place, was followed by Miss Alice Collins.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1896.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Winter term (twelve weeks) begins January 6.

Winter term ends March 27.

Vacation, one week.

Spring term (eleven weeks) begins April 6.

Spring term ends June 19.

Vacation, eleven weeks.

Fall term (fifteen weeks) begins September 7.

Fall term ends December 18.

Vacation, two weeks.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Same as the Elementary Schools, with the following exceptions:—

Winter term (thirteen weeks) begins Dec. 30, 1895.

Fall term (sixteen weeks) begins August 31.

HOLIDAYS.

February 22, April 19, May 30, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

STORM SIGNALS.

All Grades.

The storm signal, 2-1-2, will be given twice upon the fire alarm bell and whistle at 8.15 A. M., for suspension of the morning session, and at 12.45 P. M. for suspension of the afternoon session. For one session the signal will be given at 11.15 A. M.

Grades I-V.

The storm signal, 3-3-3, will be given twice upon the fire alarm bell and whistle at 8.15 A. M., for suspension of the morning session, and at 12.45 P. M., for suspension of the afternoon session.

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT
FOR
THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,
TO BE HELD IN
THE TOWN HALL, MONDAY, MARCH 9, A. D. 1896,
AT NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers. The following officers to be voted for on one ballot, viz.: One Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, thirteen Constables, three Fish Wardens, one Auditor, three Fence Viewers, all for one year each; one Selectman, one Assessor, for three years; one Overseer of the Poor for three years; one Overseer of the Poor for two years, (to fill vacancy); and three Trustees of the Public Library, all for three years each; two members of the School Committee, each for three years; one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, and one member of the Municipal Light Board for two years (to fill vacancy); one member of the Board of Health for three years. The polls for the election of these officers will be open at half-past eleven o'clock A. M., and will not be closed before half-past three P. M.

ART. 3. To vote by ballot, "Yes", or "No", in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 4. To raise such sums of money, by tax, or otherwise, as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year, appropriate the same, and to act anything in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes for the year.

ART. 5. To see what action the town will take in relation to hiring money in anticipation of taxes the present year, or for any other purpose.

ART. 6. To hear the reports of any of the officers or committees of the town, and act thereon.

ART. 7. To allow accounts against the town, or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote that the yards of persons chosen Field Drivers shall be town pounds so long as they remain in office, provided they shall be chosen pound keepers.

ART. 9. To dispose of the money received for "dog licenses", and all other licenses the present year, and act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the town will pay the expense of a Night Watch in the Four Corners village, and act thereon.

ART. 11. To see if the town will appropriate any money to be expended by Post 8, G. A. R., on Memorial Day, and act thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the town will appropriate any sum of

money to defray the expenses of the Soldiers' Monument dedication services, and act thereon. (By request.)

ART. 13. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to meet any deficiency in the subscription to pay for the Soldiers' Monument. (By request.)

ART. 14. To see if the town will pay their School Committee for their services the ensuing year, and act thereon.

ART. 15. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen, and act thereon.

ART. 16. To take action in relation to the taking of fish in the ponds leased by the Fish Commissioners to the towns of Middleborough, Rochester, Lakeville and Freetown.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take in relation to sprinkling the streets, and act thereon. (By request.)

ART. 18. To see if the town will authorize the erection of a wind-mill and such other appliances as may be necessary for the purpose of furnishing a water supply at the Town Farm, appropriate money to defray the expenses of the same, and act thereon. (By request.)

ART. 19. To hear and act upon the report of the committee appointed at the last annual town meeting to prepare revised By-Laws for the town.

ART. 20. To see if the town will authorize a contract with the Fire District, through its Water Commissioners, for a water supply for the town and public purposes for a term of years, and act thereon.

ART. 21. To see what action the town will take in reference to the recommendation of the School Committee that a new school building be erected at Rock. (By request.)

ART. 22. To see what action the town will take in regard to purchasing one or more double teams for use on the highways and other purposes, and appropriate money for the same and act thereon. (By request.)

ART. 23. To see if the town will appropriate any money for the suppression of crime and act thereon. (By request.)

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